

THIS WEEK



Where can you get the best cup of coffee in Casey County? Vote for that and much more in our third annual “Best of Casey County” Readers’ Choice Awards. See page 10 for your official ballot.



Celebrating Christmas

Readers submit photos from their church’s Christmas events.

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BRIEFS

Early deadlines

Deadlines for the Jan. 2 issue of *The Casey County News* will be earlier due to the New Year’s holiday. The office will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year’s. All classified and retail ads are due by noon Thursday, Dec. 27 for the Jan. 2 issue. All submitted news, including letters to the editor, are also due by noon on Thursday. Due to the early deadlines, we were unable to have church news in this week’s issue. Church news from Dec. 23 will be published in the Jan. 2 issue. On Jan. 9, we will publish church news from both Dec. 30 and Jan. 6.

Holiday Closings

■ Casey County Circuit Court Clerk’s office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for New Year’s. Also, there will be no drivers license testing on Dec. 31.  
■ Casey County Clerk’s office will be closed Saturday through Tuesday, Dec. 29 to Jan. 1 for New Year’s.  
■ Casey County Judge-Executive Ronald Wright’s office and the Casey County Recycling Center will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1 to observe the holiday.  
■ Casey County Sheriff’s Office will be open Monday, Dec. 31, from 8 a.m. to noon, and closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1 for New Year’s.  
■ City Hall will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, for the holidays.

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2012  
YEAR IN REVIEW



FILE PHOTOS

Casey County schools made the news this year when the district was ranked 34th out of 174 districts statewide for their scores in the new K-PREP assessment tests. Here, Liberty Elementary School students celebrated when they were named a “Distinguished” school, ranking in the 97th percentile in the state. BELOW, for four months of 2012, the Casey County Public Library was closed due to flood damage received in July. The library spent \$223,000 in restoration and improvements and re-opened in December.

A look back at 2012’s top stories


Compiled by Amanda Cole  
Staff Writer

January

■ Former Casey County Circuit Court Clerk, Sheriff and Jailer Ray Lewis Overstreet, died at the age of 81. He was elected jailer of Casey County in 1965, sheriff in 1969, and circuit court clerk in 1975, 1981, and 1987. In addition to his public service, Overstreet was a farmer and businessman.  
■ A Windsor man was arrested on six counts of rape, sodomy and incest with a juvenile who, court records state, was known to be an adopted daughter. Jason Alexander Reusser, 37, of 2450 Sloans Fork Road, was arrested on a warrant at the Casey County Sheriff’s Office by Sheriff Jerry Coffman and Deputy Chad Weddle.

February

■ Well-known and long-time Liberty resident Todd Hoskins filed to run for the House of Representatives in the 80th district, which comprises Casey, Rockcastle, and parts of Pulaski and Madison counties.  
■ Don Scanlon, a prominent businessman and real estate developer in Liberty, died at the age of 82. Scanlon, who owned a grocery store, car lots and developed real estate in Liberty and Russell Springs, died on Jan. 23 in Danville. He also was a civic leader, serving on the Liberty City Council 1963-1984.  
■ Law enforcement officers, especially on the state level, were puzzled as to why Judge Michael Loy dismissed 97 out of 119 seat belt violations in Casey County District Court in 2011. Loy said he believes issuing a verbal warning to a first-time seat belt offender is enough. Statistics from district courts in surrounding counties for dismissed cases in 2011 were — Boyle County 3 percent, Lincoln County 6 percent, Taylor County 16 percent, and Russell County 22 percent — none came close to Casey County’s 82 percent dismissal rate.  
■ Casey County High School cheerleaders finished in the top



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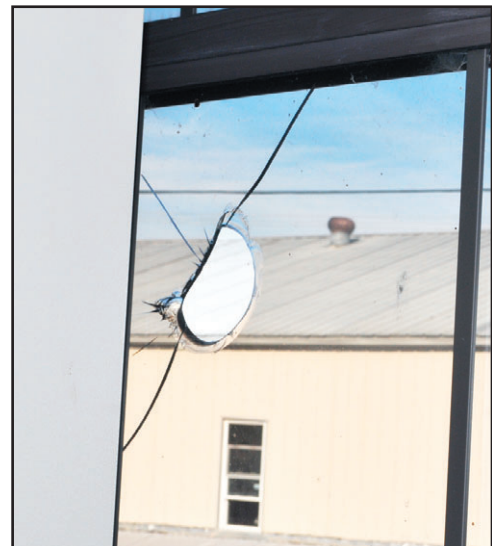
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Judicial center to get needed maintenance

By Larry Rowell  
Staff Writer

The Casey County Judicial Center may be less than 10 years old, but it’s beginning to show signs of middle age with some maintenance issues.  
The center, opened in November 2003, is home to the Circuit Clerk’s Office, District Court, Circuit Court, and the judges’ offices, as well as conference rooms and a seldom used Family Courtroom.  
While the maintenance issues aren’t major, they nonetheless have not been addressed in a while, said Circuit Court Clerk Craig Overstreet.  
“There’s a hole in the window in my office where somebody threw something through it several years ago,” Overstreet said, referring to a baseball sized hole in a window on the east side of the building.  
Also, vinyl floor tiles in the back hallway on the second floor are loose and could be picked up and used as a weapon.  
Inmates in the Casey County Detention Center who are scheduled to appear in court are escorted by jail personnel through an underground tunnel and then taken by elevator to the first or second floor, where they are placed in holding cells until their court appearances.  
Jailer Tommy Miller said that he wasn’t aware of any issue with the floor tiles.  
“No one has said anything to me about loose floor tiles,” Miller said.  
The center, owned by Casey County Fiscal Court, is leased to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the state agency currently making the bond payments on the building.

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photo/LARRY ROWELL

A broken window in the Casey County Circuit Clerk’s office is indicative of the minor maintenance issues needing to be addressed at the Casey Judicial Center.

# McGaha reflects on 16 years in state senate

By Amanda Cole  
Staff Writer

A familiar face in the Kentucky legislature will not be present when the Senate reconvenes next month.  
Republican State Sen. Vernie McGaha of Russell Springs is finishing up 16 years in the legislature.  
Reflecting on his years representing the 15th District, which includes Casey, Adair, Pulaski and Russell counties, McGaha, 65, is proud that he kept his priority the people of his district.  
“One thing I have made a top priority is my constituent services — trying to communicate with people, answering phone calls and helping people get through the red tape to solve issues they have,” McGaha said. “I’m leaving feeling really good about that. I know we can’t solve every issue or problem, but we did our best to do as much as humanly possible. That’s probably the part of the job I enjoyed the most.”  
Casey County Judge Executive Ronald Wright praised

McGaha’s availability to his constituents.  
“He has helped us in many of the grant applications we’ve applied for and has always tried to help us in that,” Wright said. “Anything I’ve asked him to do, he has been willing to try to do it.”  
Which is one of the reasons Wright is saddened to see him go.  
“He is the only senator that’s served this district since I’ve been judge,” he said. “I really hate to see him go. I think he has made a fine senator and he is a personal friend.”  
And fellow legislators were just as effusive in their praise and admiration of McGaha.  
“I consider him a man of integrity,” said Rep. Terry Mills, D-Lebanon, who serves the 24th district of Casey, Marion and part of Pulaski counties. “I had the good fortune last session to work closely with Vernie on legislation having to do with county surveyors and it was a successful venture. I believe this piece of legis-



photo/LRC PUBLIC INFORMATION

State Sen. Vernie McGaha (R-Russell Springs) addresses the Senate during a recent session. McGaha did not seek re-election in May and will finish his 16-year span representing Casey, Adair, Russell and Pulaski counties on Dec. 31.

lature wouldn’t have passed without Vernie and myself working together. I appreciate Sen. McGaha for that. I wish him the best. I’m sure his decision to retire was a good one for him.”  
In December of 2011 McGaha announced that he would not be seeking re-election.  
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## EDITORIAL

# Judicial Center maintenance important

Approaching the 10-year anniversary of the building of the Casey County Judicial Center in November, we note that the facility has served the county well.

Court records are safely kept in the Circuit Clerk's office and the two courtrooms are large enough to accommodate most any trial.

However, as with all things man-made, there comes a time when maintenance and upkeep issues have to be addressed.

And that's the case with this building needing some tender loving care. Not major issues but cosmetic things such as replacing loose floor tiles, repairing a broken window and water damaged ceiling tiles.

In keeping up with these things, it conveys to the public that the county is proud to have this facility.

Kudos to Casey County Judge/Executive Ronald Wright for quickly taking steps to correct these issues once he found out about them.

However, if we might make a suggestion to Wright and Jailer Tommy Miller, the landscaping and sweeping outside the building could also be improved.

There are literally 100s of cigarette butts in the parking lot and the grass in the islands is strewn with weeds.

May we propose that the inmates who pick up trash on the side of the county's roadways sweep up the butts and keep them from washing into the sewer system.

And to smokers, please use the two cigarette receptacles outside the judicial center.

# Gender neutral toys good?

Larry ROWELL  
Staff Writer



So McKenna started a petition demanding Hasbro make its Easy-Bake Oven boy friendly, or gender neutral.

The petition garnered about 30,000 signatures in little more than a week.

Hasbro, it's been reported, has agreed to manufacture a black and silver model next spring, making it more boy-friendly, or gender neutral, meaning any child can play with it without being branded a "sissy" or a "mama's boy."

That's OK with me and I guess it's the thing nowadays for boys to do girl's stuff and vice-versa.

This is true because there have been reports about

girls playing pee-wee league football.

I know a young lady who played football a couple of years ago when she was 6 years old. She knocked one boy on his backside and then reached down and helped him back up.

When her Mama asked her why, she said "because he's my friend."

Used to be that boys played with "boy stuff" like play guns and bows and arrows in cowboys and Indians or G.I. Joe plastic army men re-staging battles from World War II. And marbles, I never saw any girls shooting marbles, at least not in my childhood.

Boys where I grew up in south Georgia never, ever, played with dolls and let their friends know about it.

It wasn't a sexual orientation issue but a sissy, mama's boy issue where a boy preferred girly things like dolls and cooking and tea parties

over guns and sports.

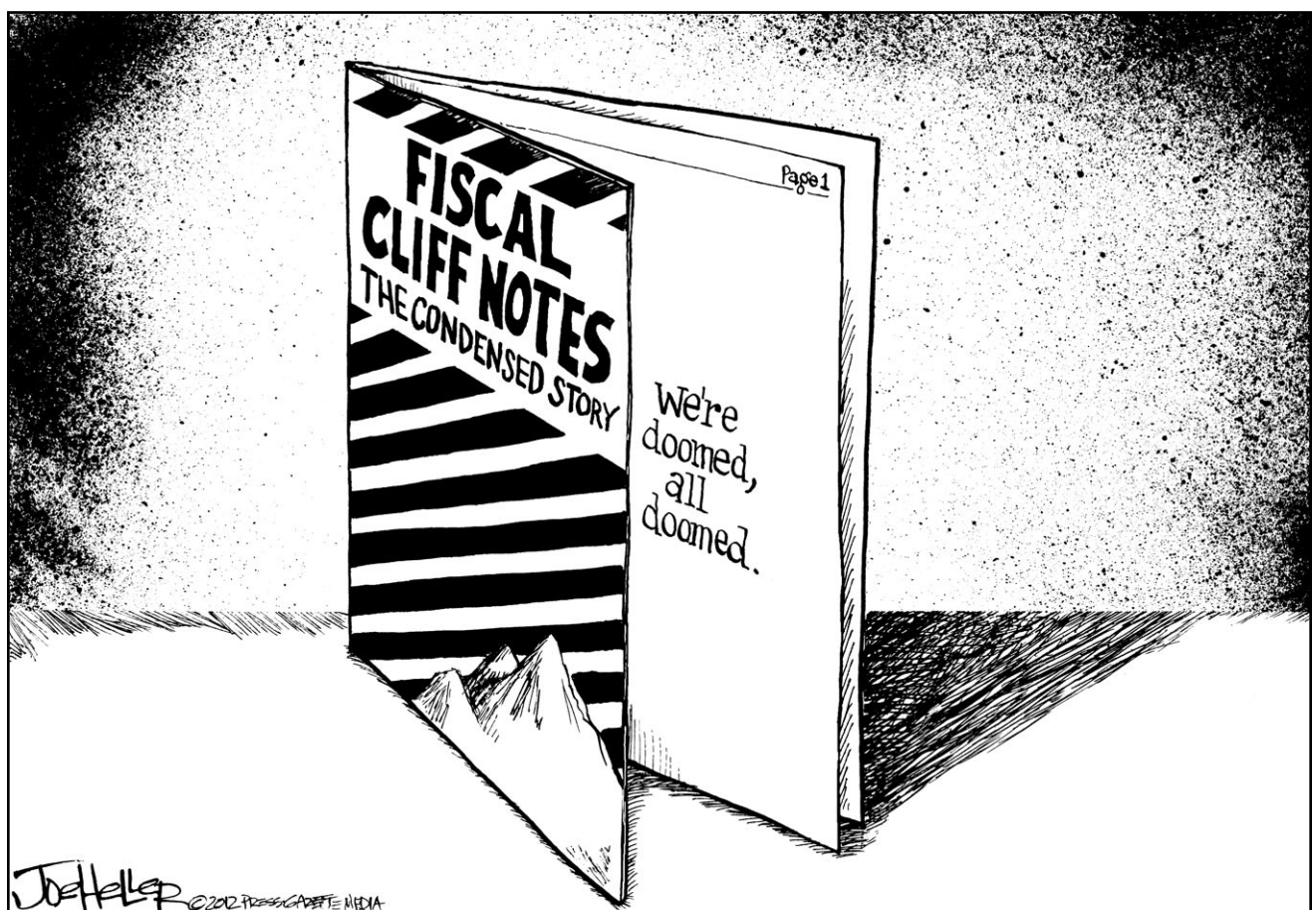
But if you were ever branded a sissy pants by your friends, that name tended to stick with you right through high school.

I noticed not long ago that Dr. Pepper is marketing its new "10" drink with the slogan: "It's Not for Women." That's not particularly politically correct but I've not heard a bunch of uproar from the feminist crowd about it.

There are products marketed solely to women such as pink razors and deodorant. These aren't being made gender neutral and I'm glad. Women should smell like women and men should smell, well, manly, like Old Spice or Hai Karate, which I wish some genius would put back on the market.

If you see me about town in my pink dress shirt, it's because I look good in pink.

And no, I don't use a pink razor.



## Taking a step back in time

Joberta WELLS  
Columnist



My niece sent me a picture of two of her kids in a telephone booth recently. She labeled it "Antique." Do what? A telephone booth is an antique? Yes, I suppose it is. I haven't seen one in ages but I simply hadn't thought about one, either. The last public phone I remember seeing was not a booth but a phone with a hood-like device over it, hanging off the side of the porch of Rigney's Grocery in Yosemite. Lord have mercy, that had to be over 10 years ago.

Cell phones have made telephone booths obsolete. I doubt there are many still in existence. I remember a huge bank of them in the movie "North By Northwest" with Cary Grant and in the original "Thomas Crown Affair" with Steve McQueen but they have all gone the way of the passenger pigeon and the dodo.

Something else that has almost disappeared is the drive-in movie theatre. They were fun! Okay, let's face it -- not everybody went to see the movie. There were more windows fogged up at the drive-in than not. I, being the virtuous person that I was, only went to see the movie. And eat popcorn. Yeah, sure! Well, I actually did go to see movies rather than to engage in activities that would fog up the

windows but in truth, I did both at one time or another. I still think drive-ins are a hoot and would love to go to Stanford to the drive-in some day if I could manage to stay out after dark.

Something I missed when I was still a smoker were the little wing windows in front of the big windows on the driver's and passenger's side of the car. You could crack them open to allow your smoke to exit the car and you didn't arrive at your destination smelling like a smoke-cured slab of country bacon. You also didn't have to worry about your coiffure being disarranged by the wind you get when you roll down the big windows.

I miss sheets and towels made in Georgia and other places in the other southern states of the United States of America. Cotton grown there was strong, the factories understood what the word quality meant, and those items they produced would last for years and years. I recently threw away a sheet that had a famous designer's label on it but it was a sorry excuse

for a sheet. I had it for only about six years, I patched it with iron-on tape many times, but the morning my finger went through it and tore a big hole was the end! I couldn't even throw it in the ragbag because it was useless.

Something I have complained about before is the lack of a real, old-fashioned chocolate milkshake made with real milk, real ice cream, and real chocolate syrup. The stuff you find these days is NOT a milkshake. They call them milkshakes but they can't fool me. I'm a chocolate milkshake connoisseur from days gone by. We used to have a place, the Quick Stop, that made real chocolate milkshakes. Andy Wesley (you hear me, Andy?) keeps promising me he's going to sell real chocolate milkshakes. When, Andy, when?

I guess the older you get,

the more you miss things you enjoyed from your youth. I am not deluded, however, into thinking everything was wonderful. I don't miss bulletproof polyester double-knit fabric, I don't miss girdles, and I don't miss deodorant that doesn't work, to mention just a few. I have learned to adapt -- forcibly!

EXCEPTIONAL CASEY COUNTY WOMEN (continued): This week I would like to salute Linda Floyd Clark. Linda, another former teacher, has started something this county has needed for a long time -- a low-cost spay/neuter clinic. The clinic, which started this year, has been immensely successful. Linda believed in this cause so strongly that she used her own money to get it off the ground. Kudos, Linda. I salute you!

## Letters to the editor policy

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor on subjects of interest to others. Letters must be signed and include a telephone number for verification. Letters will be published on a space-available basis and may be edited for length and/or content. We reserve the right to reject any letter deemed to be libelous or slanderous, or in poor taste.

Address letters to "Letters to the Editor," P.O. Box 40, Liberty, Ky. 42539; fax them to (606) 787-8306; or e-mail letters to news@caseynews.net.

## Where did 2012 go?

This is the last issue of *The Casey County News* for the year of 2012. I don't know about you, but I just can't believe how fast the year went by.

And just like Casey County had events that will go into the history books, the year of 2012 will be an important one for me. My husband and I made some pretty big decisions this year; 2012 will be the answer to quite a few questions our future kids may ask us. When did you move to southern Kentucky? When did you get your first house — or hopefully — when did you get *this* house?

In January of this year my husband and I were living in northern Kentucky. We had been there since we both started attending Northern Kentucky University in the fall of 2005. Around April when we celebrated our one year wedding anniversary we made the huge decision to move to Russell County, where my husband is from.

In May we gave our two-week notices, packed up our stuff in a U-haul and headed to Russell Springs to temporarily live with my mother-in-law until we found our own house.

I spent the first three weeks unemployed and scared that I wouldn't find a job. My husband, on the other hand, had a job at Amazon within two days of looking. But my luck turned around and I started as staff writer here with The

Amanda COLE  
Staff Writer



Casey County News the first week of June.

Now that we both had jobs we began house hunting. Oh, what fun that was. We got our hopes up and crushed so many times. We looked at houses in Adair, Casey, Pulaski and Russell counties. Photos of a house on the internet can be soooo misleading. We learned that the hard way when we thought we had found our perfect house out in the middle of nowhere, surrounding by beautiful farm land in Adair County.

It was that last bombshell that made us completely re-think our priorities and start the search over from scratch. The first house I found with the new criteria ended up being the one. In less than 60 days from the first time we toured the house, we signed the papers and received the keys! When it's meant to be, it works. The date we signed the papers will be an easy one to remember — 10/11/12.

Now that we've made the trek to southern Kentucky, found jobs, acquired a new pet and purchased our own house — we can definitely end 2012 saying it was a great year.

## Pets of the Week wanted

*The Casey County News* is seeking pictures of your pets to be featured on the "Pet of the Week" section on our web site.

To submit a pet, free of charge, simply go to [www.caseynews.net/pet](http://www.caseynews.net/pet) and click on "Click here to nominate your pet" underneath the current Pet of the Week.

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# CCDC inmates spread Christmas cheer around the world

By Larry Rowell  
Staff Writer

Christmas is a time when blessings and good cheer are typically missing in prisons and jails with inmates being away from their families and friends.

But for a group of female inmates at the Casey County Detention Center, this Christmas season was special to them and their good cheer will reach kids around the world.

According to Casey County's Operation Christmas Child Coordinator, Nicki Johnson, about 100 inmates packed 160 shoe boxes at the jail on Oct. 16.

The boxes, filled with toys, hard candy, and school supplies, among other items, are collected from groups all over the world and sent by the Franklin Graham Ministries to children in poor and developing nations. The boxes also include a gospel tract which explains the Christian plan of salvation. Locally, Johnson said that groups packed 2,578 boxes this year.



photo/LARRY ROWELL

**Inmates at the Casey County Detention Center participated in two Christmas projects which allowed them to be a blessing to others around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child and by sending Christmas cards to a Salyersville boy suffering with cystic fibrosis. From left, Capt. Justin Bowmer, Lt. Sylvia Hatter, inmate Tangela Campbell-Cavins, and Jailer Tommy Miller stand in front of the 280 cards that were mailed.**

Johnson said that she, along with 11 other ladies, showed the inmates a video explaining OCC and how some children live in abject poverty in places like east-

ern Europe.

"I spoke a few moments explaining this was my very favorite video because it put my life into perspective when I felt like life wasn't

fair, or that I deserved more, or was just in general feeling sorry for myself. The video shows orphanages, poverty, famine, aides, and the children living in sewer drains

in Ukraine," Johnson said. And the effect in the room was immediate, she said.

"I observed many of the ladies quietly crying," Johnson said.

When the inmates began filling the boxes, Johnson said they took this task very quietly and seriously.

"As the ladies were given a box to build and they began to 'shop' I was immediately humbled. They painstakingly chose each item. They examined every pencil before choosing the six for their box. They cried while waiting their turn. They constantly thanked us for giving them this opportunity," she said.

Inmate Tangela Campbell-Cavins, of Beattyville, has served 15 months of a nine year sentence in the Casey Jail.

"For me, it was very spiritual and inspirational to be able to take place in something so wonderful as giving a gift to a child in need," Campbell-Cavins said. "I still have my life as I'm blessed to be here at CCDC and help others."

Jailer Tommy Miller said that about \$3,500 from the jail canteen fund was used to purchase the items inmates placed in the boxes.

Miller said that he wholeheartedly endorsed this project because he knew it would have meaning for the inmates.

"You never know how doing something like this can turn somebody's life around," he said.

In addition to packing the boxes, inmates sent 280 Christmas cards to Dalton Dingus, a 9-year-old boy from Salyersville who's battling cystic fibrosis. Dingus had set a goal of receiving 35,000 cards this Christmas.

Still, Johnson said that even though the inmates were blessed, she and the OCC workers with her received an even greater blessing.

"Seeing the hands that built the boxes and the tears that flowed freely, my heart rejoices for an opportunity such as this, in times such as these," she said.

## 2012

Continued from front

10 at the Universal Cheer Association (UCA) national high school cheerleading competition. Thirty-three states were represented with around 500 teams present.

### March

A former Casey County man was indicted by a Taylor County grand jury on charges that he killed his grandmother. Jesse J. Durham, 20, of 102 Eads St., Campbellsville, was charged with first-degree murder on March 6. According to court records, Durham allegedly argued with his great-grandmother, 77-year-old Elizabeth Arinsmier, on Feb. 10, and then struck her with a hammer until she died.

While most of Kentucky got pummeled from tornadoes and storms, resulting in 21 fatalities and more than 300 people injured and billions of dollars in property damage, Casey County escaped relatively unscathed from the two storms on Feb. 29 and March 2. However, a weakened EF-0 tornado crossed into the county along the north side of Ky. 80. No major damage or injuries were reported.

### April

The Casey County Apple Festival and the Bread of Life Cafe were featured as award winners in the April 2012 Kentucky Living magazine. The Apple Festival shared the top spot for Best Festival and the Bread of Life Cafe tied for third in the Best Non-Franchised Restaurant category.

Casey Circuit Court Judge James G. Weddle died April 11 after an extended illness. He was 71. Just a few days before, Weddle had announced that he was retiring May 1 from the 29th Judicial Circuit, which includes Casey and Adair counties. Weddle was serving his second eight-year term, having first been elected in 1998. Prior to serving as a circuit judge, Weddle became an attorney in 1966 and served as Casey County Attorney for 16 years.

Gov. Steve Beshear came to Liberty to present a check to Casey County Fiscal Court for \$1 million. The funds were to be administered as a loan to Bluegrass Shavings through the Liberty/Casey County Economic Development Authority. The EDA would purchase several pieces of equipment and then lease the equipment to Bluegrass Shavings.

### May

Emma's Restaurant in downtown Liberty reopened. The restaurant was forced to close in March 2011 after a fire destroyed the business.

Casey County resident Todd Hoskins decided to drop out of the 15th District Senate race. Hoskins and Sen. Vernie McGaha, R-Russell Springs — who currently held the seat representing Casey, Adair, Russell and Pulaski counties —

threw their support behind attorney Mark Polston of Pulaski County.

The Casey County Relay for Life raised \$100,064.33 at this year's event. More than 120 survivors registered and the teams brought in \$77,016.01 from various year-long fund-raisers. Funds were also raised through luminaries, miscellaneous donations, school penny wars and corporate sponsors.

176 graduated from Casey County High School with the Class of 2012. Students presented principal Barry Lee with baseballs, sugar packets, a handful of guitar picks, and a check made payable to him for 1 cent.

Republican Chris Girdler won the May 22 primary election for the 15th District Senate race which encompasses Casey, Adair, Russell, and Pulaski counties. Since there was no Democratic challenger, Girdler will take the seat in January 2013.

The Liberty City Council reached an agreement with the East Casey County Water District Board concerning a proposed rate increase for water the city sells the ECCWD. The agreement ended a three month feud in which the ECCWD asked the city to justify its need for a 15 percent rate increase. The council also approved the first reading of an ordinance for city residents to pay the same rate increase as ECCWD customers, cutting in half the 15 percent increase they had paid since April 1.

### June

The Liberty Water Department was one of 49 water treatment plants in Kentucky recognized by the Energy and Environment Cabinet for demonstrated success in producing drinking water in 2011 that consistently met or exceeded state water quality standards.

Liberty City Council agreed to lease the old Kentuckian theater property on Hustonville Street to Liberty residents Laura and Tracy Hebrock, who have plans to renovate it for both movies and production plays.

Architects with the firm of CMW, Inc. of Lexington were at City Hall on June 29 to discuss the development and design of the building that will house the proposed downtown college — Casey County Community and Education Center. However, before bids for building the \$3 million structure can be advertised, all the funding has to be in place. At the time, \$625,000 had been gathered from the county, city, and the EDA.

### July

Triple digit temperatures combined with no rain had area corn and soybean farmers wondering if they would be able to make a crop this year. "This is the roughest that I've seen it since the drought of 1983 and 1988," said Tim Harris, a Southern



FILE PHOTO

**For the second year in a row, Casey County Relay for Life raised more than \$100,000. Pictured are Lab Rats team members leading the survivors' lap at the beginning of the 2012 Relay for Life event.**

States crop consultant for central Kentucky.

A five-alarm fire at a Scott Gate Company on Ky. 49 caused extensive damage to the interior of the building. An all-call to every fire department in the county was issued as black smoke poured from doors and certain areas of the roof. The fire started when sparks from a cutting torch set a paint tank on fire. No firefighters were injured but owner Larry Scott's son, Ben, received minor burns.

A heavy downpour in Liberty caused water to overflow into the inside of the ceiling in the Casey County Public Library, prompting library officials to close the building until damage assessments and clean up could be completed. In addition to concerns about mold from the wet carpets, it was discovered that water running down the wall had caused bat guano to wash out of the ceiling.

Casey County lost four prominent men during the month of July 2012. Father and son Abe and George Abe Luttrell passed away within hours of each other on July 2 and 3. The two were known to many in Casey County as the owners and operators of Abe's Food Market and Abe's Pic-Pac in Liberty. Dr. George Sweeney, the surviving member of Sweeney, Sweeney and Wesley medical practice, died July 6. George E. Wolford, a pillar of the community and the heart of the Casey County Apple Festival, died July 13.

### August

Casey County Sheriff's Deputies received an anonymous tip and searched an abandoned cistern for Charles Randolph, a local man who has been missing for three years. Officers found no evidence that anyone had been in the cistern. Randolph was reported missing by family members on Oct. 20, 2009.

Liberty resident Stacey Beeler was continuing work to build and grow her Snap Dolls Children's Clothing line. Beeler met with members of the Snap Dolls management team, which includes people who

have worked with Macy's, Levi's children's clothing, and Nike. In 2010 Beeler designed a girl's T-shirt with a little girl on the front with three snaps to attach clothes and hair accessories.

District 3 Constable C.C. "Sonny" Emerson passed away on Aug. 28 after a single-car accident on East Ky. 70. Emerson had served as a special deputy, worked in the maintenance department at Casey County Schools and was a deacon at Mt. Olive Christian Church.

### September

Kentucky Life host Dave Shuffett came to Liberty on Sept. 5 to film a five-and-a-half minute segment on downtown Liberty for an episode.

The weather provided a nice backdrop and there was no shortage of crowd extras at the 38th annual Casey County Apple Festival themed "Lights, Camera, Apples." This year's Apple Festival was thought to be one of the biggest with more than 450 people purchasing vendor spots.

A Casey County woman filed a lawsuit against the Casey County Board of Education and a special education teacher at Walnut Hill Elementary School in Liberty. Somersett attorneys Rhonda Hatfield-Jeffers and John Pruitt Jr. filed suit in Casey County Circuit Court on Sept. 24 on behalf of Ronna Carmickle and her son Bradley. The suit states that teacher Geraldine Baker Fletcher "wantonly and recklessly abused, neglected and intimidated Bradley" — who has mental and physical disabilities — from late September 2011 through December 2011. The Board of Education was later dropped from the lawsuit.

Kentucky State Police were investigating the murder of Wendell "Gleason" Pyles, 50, of Adair County, who was shot and killed while working at Tarter Manufacturing in Dunnville on Sept. 26. By December 2012, three people were arrested for allegedly playing a role in Pyles' murder. First, David Salyers, 59, of Campbellsville, was indicted on charges of complicity

to commit murder. Salyers was followed by William R. "Bobby" Rigdon, 28, of Lebanon, who was indicted on charges of murder, being a persistent felony offender, and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon. Lastly, Anthony Lee Byrd, 53, of Dunnville, was indicted on a charge of criminal facilitation to commit murder and first-degree hindering prosecution or apprehension.

### October

The state's head agriculture official was in Casey County Oct. 2 for a field day demonstration of a large animal composting business. Jamie Comer, Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture, joined about 100 farmers at the Brent and Bart Woodrum farm on Ky. 49 to endorse their new ag-business, Large Animal Composting of Kentucky, or LACKY.

Danville Attorney Richard Clay, representing Casey County resident Ronney Hatter, filed a motion in Adair County Circuit Court asking that Gail Williams be removed as candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney in the 29th judicial district. The vacancy in the 29th Judicial District came about as a result of Casey County Commonwealth's Attorney Brian Wright's withdrawal from the election to run for the Circuit Court Judge's seat. Williams, the only candidate on the Nov. 6 ballot to run for Commonwealth's Attorney, was nominated on Aug. 20 by the members of the Executive Committee of the Republican Party for Casey and Adair counties.

### November

Nov. 6 General Election results: Columbia attorney Judy Vance beat Casey County Commonwealth Attorney Brian Wright 6,657 to 5,803 for the 29th Judicial District Circuit Court Judge. Andy Lawhorn beat Liberty City Council member Jim Ellison for the sixth seat in the council race. Lawhorn will join incumbents Steven Brown, Brian Beeler, Mitchell Phillips, Larry Bowmer and Brad Vaughn on the council in January 2013. Voters selected four of five people running for a seat on

the Soil Conservation Service District Board of Directors. Incumbent Mary Sue Shoopman will be joined by fellow incumbents Brent Ware and David Grider. Newcomer Curtis "Skipper" Todd II took the fourth position. State Rep. Terry Mills, D-Lebanon, cruised to a second term over Republican challenger Bill Pickerill.

The Casey County school district was ranked 34th out of 174 districts state-wide based on test results from the new K-PREP assessment tests. The district was ranked third among area districts, scoring 59.4, placing it in the 80th percentile in the state. It also earned the district a "proficient" classification, placing the district in the top 20 percent in the state. Liberty Elementary came in first place in the district with a score of 74.5 — ranking it in the 97th percentile and earning a "distinguished" classification, meaning LES is in the elite top 20 of 733 elementary schools in the state.

The \$3.9 million, 1.18 miles long Ky. 1649/Dry Ridge Hill road project, which began in January, was completed. The 16 percent steep grade on Ky. 1649 was reduced to a safer, 6 percent slope.

A Liberty man filed a lawsuit in Casey County Circuit Court claiming that a McDonald's employee told customers and other employees that he was a child molester. Matt Davis, 40, represented by Jamestown attorney Matthew DeHart, filed the suit the end of July against McDonald's Corporation, Mark Prater, owner of Liberty's McDonald's, and Michelle Harrison, an employee at McDonald's in Liberty. McDonald's Corp. has filed a motion for summary judgment that was scheduled to be heard in Casey Circuit Court on Nov. 26.

### December

After being closed for more than four months, the Casey County Public Library re-opened on Dec. 3. Library officials were excited about all the changes, renovations, and improvements. While closed, the library underwent extensive cleaning and disinfection to remove mold and bat guano in the ceiling and on the walls. In addition, more than 80 bats were captured and relocated to a new home. The restoration and improvements cost \$223,000, with insurance covering about \$60,000.

An insurance company denied a claim from a Casey County man seeking damages from Casey County Fiscal Court for a piece of farm equipment that he says was damaged due to the county's lack of maintenance of a gravel road. The case revolves around Elhanan Pennington's claim that the county didn't properly maintain Long Branch Road where he had an accident on Oct. 9 while pulling a haybine with a Massey-Ferguson 596 tractor.



## Gladys M. Salyers, 35

Gladys Marie Pumphrey Salyers of Clearview Drive in Hustonville passed away Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012 at her residence. She was 35.

Born Aug. 20, 1977 in Somerset, she was the daughter of James S. Pumphrey of Stanford and the late Dolores Ann Outcalt Pumphrey.

She was the loving wife of Glenn Edward Salyers Jr. She was a homemaker and attended Maxey Valley Church of God.

In addition to her husband and father, Gladys leaves behind two sons, Eddie and Galen Salyers of Hustonville; two daughters, Shelby and Erin Salyers of Hustonville; three brothers, James W. Pumphrey (and Doreen) of Science Hill, Dennis A. Pumphrey (and Melissa) of



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Hustonville, and Joseph E. Pumphrey of Stanford; three sisters, Charlotte D. Smith of Danville, Beverly A. Rice (and Charley) of Centre, Ala., and Jennifer O. Pumphrey of Richmond; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Dec. 21 at Barnett and Demrow Funeral Home with Bro. Kevin Pittman officiating the service. Burial was in Sims Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Barnett & Demrow Funeral Home, Waynesburg, was in charge of arrangements.

## Dorothy Chansler, 80

Dorothy Chansler died Friday, Dec. 21, 2012 at her home in Yosemite. She was 80.

Born Nov. 12, 1932 in Casey County, she was the daughter of the late John and Marbell Byrd Shell.

Survivors include four sons, Michael Chansler of Jacksonville, Fla., Gary Chansler of Nashville, Tenn.,

Carl Chansler of Yosemite and Kenny Chansler of Richmond; two daughters, Priscilla Bamba of Virginia and Jennie Childers of Yosemite; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Dec. 22 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Gale Durham officiating. Burial was at South Fork Cemetery.

## Jeanette L. Thomas, 81

Jeanette L. Cochran Thomas died Monday, Dec. 3, 2012. She was 81.

Born in Casey County on Nov. 2, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Bettie Long Cochran.

She was the widow of Gerald C. Thomas.

Survivors include four children, Randall and Lawrence Franklin Thomas, Carolyn Sweet and Charlene Thomas; four grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and seven siblings.

Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Obituaries also can be found online at*  
**www.caseynews.net**

### HAPPENINGS

■ Kentucky Blood Center will have a blood drive Thursday, Dec. 27 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at Evona Fire Department in the South Fork Creek community. Every donor will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card.

■ The Casey County Hospital Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Jan. 15 in the lobby of the hospital at 1 p.m.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Lake Cumberland District Health Department will hold a diabetes class, "A Closer Look at Sugar Substitutes," Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Casey County Extension Office. Call 606-787-6911, ext. 1166 to sign up.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 8 p.m. at the Casey County Library Annex Friday, Dec. 28. For

more information, call 787-5866.

■ The Casey County A.A. meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship hall Tuesday, Jan. 1. For more information call 787-7205 or 787-5866.

■ The Casey County Al-Anon meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship hall Tuesday, Jan. 1. For more information, call 787-9670

or 787-5704.

■ TOPS KY 404 will meet at Westside Christian Church with weigh-in at 5 p.m. and meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3. For more information contact Donna Mills, 787-6431.

### CHURCH

■ Liberty First Church of God will have a singing Sunday, Dec. 30 at 6 p.m. featuring Gospel Harmony.

## Kentucky Legislative News

# Farmers are the 'bedrock foundation' of the food industry

One of the hallmarks of the holidays is that there never seems to be a shortage of good food to eat. From turkey on Thanksgiving to homemade candy at Christmas, it's usually easy to find something to fill up a plate.

Increasingly, there's a strong chance that this food has a Kentucky connection as well, though that may not always be readily known when we reach into the pantry or the refrigerator.

Those who eat Jif peanut butter, for example, may not realize it was made in Lexington, home to the world's largest peanut butter factory. Its owner, Smucker's, also produces the "Uncrustable" sandwiches that are a staple in many school lunch boxes. Those come out of Scottsville.



**Terry MILLS**  
State Representative

Though they aren't necessarily exclusive to Kentucky, there are Pop-Tarts made in Pikeville, Laughing Cow cheese in Leitchfield and frozen pizzas in Florence, which produces pies under several different names: Tony's, Red Baron and Fresthetta.

Mt. Sterling makes Hot Pockets; Sister Schubert's Homemade Rolls rise out of Horse Cave; and Paducah can lay claim to Dippin' Dots, the flash-frozen ice cream often found at amusement parks across the coun-

try.

Outside of these well-known products, Kentucky also plays a sizeable role in the fast-food market. Louisville has the corporate headquarters for Papa John's, Long John Silvers and Yum! Brands, which owns Pizza Hut, KFC and Taco Bell. Lexington, meanwhile, is the corporate home of Fazoli's.

Given all of these examples, it's no surprise that Kentucky relies more on the food and beverage industry than many other states. A 2009 comparison by the state's Cabinet for Economic Development showed that we outpaced the national average and every surrounding state when measuring the percentage of the industry's employees against our total workforce.

The cabinet says there are now 185 food and beverage factories across the commonwealth, and they are responsible for 14 percent of our total manufacturing jobs — about 30,000 altogether.

One area that has seen phenomenal growth over the last dozen years is bourbon. Our distilleries now sell about \$2 billion worth of spirits a year, and there are more barrels aging in our warehouses than there are people in Kentucky.

For a product that relies so much on practices perfected in the past, bourbon's future is looking especially bright; consider that distillers invested \$170 million alone in their facilities in 2011.

Another major factor behind Kentucky's rise in the food and beverage industry

is "Kentucky Proud," which the General Assembly created in 2000 to promote the state's agricultural products. With about 3,300 different vendors licensed to use this brand, sales are now exceeding \$250 million a year. Farmer's markets are making steady gains as well, with sales topping \$10 million.

Our farmers, of course, are the bedrock foundation for the food industry, and Kentucky gets high marks here as well. Only a handful of states have more farms than we do, and eight of our commodities — from poultry and corn to soybeans and hogs — bring in at least \$100 million a year. Total sales are at \$5 billion and growing.

While the food we eat may travel many more miles than

it did decades ago, it's good to know that Kentuckians are at least playing a bigger role in the way it is grown and produced. It's something to chew on the next time we sit down to eat.

With the new year a few days away, the start of the 2013 legislative session is just around the corner. Your input in this process is critical, so please let me know if you have any concerns or questions regarding issues important to Kentucky. I can be reached by writing to Room 329B, Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601.

You can also leave a message for me or for any legislator at 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

# Savvy Senior

## Ask A Senior Question

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# How to locate available discounts if you're 50 or older

**Dear Savvy Senior,**  
I just turned 50 and would like to know what resources you recommend for locating senior discounts.

Love To Save

**Dear Love,**  
One of the great perks of growing older in the U.S. is the many discounts that are available to boomers and seniors. If you don't mind admitting your age, here are some tips and tools to help you find them.

### Always Ask

The first thing to know is that not all businesses advertise them, but many give senior discounts just for asking, so don't ever be shy to ask. You also need to know that while some discounts are available as soon as you turn 50, many others may not kick in until you turn 55, 60, 62 or 65.

### Search Online

Because senior discounts are constantly changing and can vary greatly depending on where you live and the time of the year, the Internet is one of your best resources for locating them.

To get started go to SeniorDiscounts.com, a massive website that lists more than 250,000 discounts on a wide variety of products and services like airlines, car rentals, travel, recreation, local transportation, shopping, restaurants, hotels, state and national parks, medical services, pharmacies, museums and more. You can search for discounts by city and state or ZIP code, or by the category you're interested in, for free.

Or, for \$13 you can become a premium member and get additional, select discounts.

Another great website for locating 50-and-older discounts is Sciddy.com. Launched in 2011, this site also lets you search for free by city, state or ZIP code, as well as by business or category.

### Join a Club

Another good avenue to senior discounts is through membership organizations like AARP, which offers its 50 and older members a wide variety of discounts through affiliate businesses (see discounts.aarp.org). Annual AARP membership fees are \$16, or less if you join for multiple years.

If, however, you're not a fan of AARP, there are other alternative organizations you can join that also provide discounts such as The Seniors Coalition or the American Seniors Association. Or, for federal workers, there's the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

### Types of Discounts

Here's a brief rundown of some of the different types of discounts you can expect to find.

**Supermarkets:** Many locally owned grocery stores offer senior discount programs, as do some chains like Kroger, Publix and Fry's which offer some discounts on certain days of the week but they vary by location. You'll need to ask.

**Retailers:** Many thrift stores and certain retailers like Kohl's, Bealls, Dressbarn and Ross Stores offer a break to seniors on a certain day each week.

**Travel:** Southwest Airlines provide by far the best senior fares in the U.S. to passengers 65 and older, while Amtrak offers a 15 percent discount and Greyhound offers 5 percent off to travelers over 62. And, most hotels in the U.S. offer senior discounts, usually ranging from 10 to 30.

**Car Services:** If you're renting a car, most car rental companies provide discounts to customers who belong to organizations like AARP. And some Jiffy Lube and Midas service centers offer discounts to seniors for auto repair and maintenance.

**Restaurants:** Senior savings are common at restaurants and fast food establishments, ranging from free coffee, to drinks, to discounts off your total order. Chains

known for their senior discounts include McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King, Applebee's, Arby's, Chili's and Friendly's.

**Entertainment:** Most movie theaters, plays, ballets, symphonies, museums, zoos and aquariums provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. And seniors over 62 are eligible to get the "America the Beautiful – Senior Pass" for \$10, which provides a lifetime of

free access into all national parks and federal recreational lands.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box

5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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**Casey District Court**

The following cases were disposed of in Casey District Court. Amounts listed include fines and court costs.

**Dec. 11**

Ethan C. Whited, leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, plea of guilty, 30 days in jail, serve five, balance suspended for one year if no new violations of the law; failure to produce insurance card and operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, \$215.50.

**Dec. 13**

Jamie Lynn Helm, speeding, \$140.50.

Randy Howard Hutchison, first offense DUI, plea of guilty, 90 days license suspension, \$755.50; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to produce insurance card, and leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, dismissed.

Donald Cross, leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance, plea of guilty, five days in jail, suspended for one year if no new violations of the law.

Ella N. Vanoy, first offense DUI, plea of guilty, 90 days license suspension, \$755.50.

Ginny Lynn Godbey, first offense DUI, plea of guilty, 90 days license suspension; failure to produce insurance card, \$775.50; failure to register trans-

fer of motor vehicle and failure to wear seat belts, dismissed.

Christopher Joel Brown, operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, dismissed.

Ronald Eugene Snow, theft by unlawful taking, plea of guilty, serve 30 days in jail, credit for time served.

George Tim Salyers, reckless driving, dismissed.

Roger Dale Eads, alcohol intoxication in a public place, third-degree criminal trespassing, and violation of Ky. EPO, dismissed.

Stephanie Crew, truancy, student 18 but not yet 21, review Jan. 31.

Patricia B. Means, operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license and failure to produce insurance card, \$215.50.

Kenny Dale Webb, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, plea of guilty, 30 days in jail suspended for one year if no new violations of the law, \$300.50; public intoxication of a controlled substance, \$25.

Joshua W. McElroy, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, plea of guilty; \$300.50; public intoxication of a controlled substance, \$25.

Tammy Wright, five counts of theft by deception, cold checks, plea of guilty, 30 days in jail suspended if paid in full by April 2.

**Dec. 18**

David Lee Naylor, failure to wear seat belts, no/expired reg-

istration plates, no/expired Ky. registration receipt, and operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, and two counts of theft by unlawful taking, plea of guilty, serve 90 days in jail, credit for time served; third-degree burglary and theft by unlawful taking, waive to grand jury.

Tracy William Glass, first-degree criminal trespass, plea of guilty, six months in jail, 10 to serve, credit for one, probation for one year.

Peter Primano, fourth-degree assault, domestic violence no visible injury, dismissed.

Steven Edmisten, third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, first offense traffic in marijuana, less than 8 ounces, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and public intoxication of a controlled substance, plea of guilty, 12 months in jail, serve 60 days, balance conditionally discharged for two years if no new violations of the law, \$480.50.

Brittney Floyd and Brian Floyd, first-degree criminal trespass, theft by unlawful taking, and third-degree criminal mischief, plea of guilty, 12 month in jail, serve 90 days, balance conditionally discharged on condition no further violations of the law; pay \$325 in restitution.

Eddie Dwayne Cochran, review, serve 12 months in jail if \$3,919.53 not paid to complaining witnesses by Jan. 1.

Samantha J. Evans, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, improper

registration plate, \$240.50; failure to notify address change to DOT, dismissed.

Michael Todd Hudson, theft by deception, cold checks, dismissed, paid before court.

Kenneth D. Haines, fourth-degree assault domestic violence, minor injury, plea of guilty, time served.

Eddie Dwayne Cochran, theft by deception, cold checks,

plea of guilty, serve 30 days in jail.

Kathy Sue Lee, theft by deception, cold checks, plea of guilty, 10 days in jail, suspended.

**POSTED — No Trespassing**

Abel, Mark W., farm at Mt. Olive, Brown Ridge Rd.

Abel, Sherril, Jonathan Fork Rd., near Gilpin

Allen, Billy, 150 acres on Scotts Chapel

Allen, Quentin, 3 farms., Brush Cr., Chelf & Huffnir Ridges, & Hilltop Dr.

Alonzo, Andrew, 103 acres on Woods Creek Rd.

Ashley, Jimmy & Angie, 70 acres on Bethelridge Rd.

Atwood, Brent, 25 acres on Ky. 49

Atwood, Louise, 126 acres on John Price Rd.

Bailey, Mary Lou, property at 310 Russell Hudson Loop

Baros, William, 45 acres on Casey Creek Rd.

Beal, Betty & Glinda, farms on Peyton Ridge Road, Reynolds Creek & Snake Ridge

Bell, Charles James, U.S. 127 South, Antioch Ridge Rd., Contown

Bove, Diane, farm on Hwy. 1615

Boyd, David, property at 8531 Ky. 78 West, Hustonville

Brown, Charles, 118 acres in Kidd's Store area

Brown, Loreta, 24 acres on Tennessee Ridge Rd. & 12 acres in Bethelridge on Ky. 70 and Mike Merritt Rd.

Brown, Michael & Barbara, 85 acres m/l farm at 100 Rayborn Hill Rd.

Brown, Vicky, property at 3450 Tennessee Ridge Rd.

Brumby, J.F., 56 acres on Dry Creek Rd.

Bruner, Wendell, farm on Dry Fork Rd.

Burkhard, D. Esther, 83 acres on KY 70 W, Locust Branch; 100 acres on Ewing Ridge

Burton, Betty, property at 1876 KY 206

Burton, Gerald D., 4 farms on Hwy. 80 and a farm on Hwy. 910 at Windsor

Byrd, Micah & Hazel, fm. on Byrd Rdg.

Carman, Kevin & Jenna, approximately 22 acres on Calvary Ridge Rd.

Carr, James A. & Marcella, farms on Caney Fork Creek, Martins Creek & Casey Creek

Carr, William & Debra, 4 acres on Upper Brush Creek

Cattlett, Vaughan, 70 acres at 1667 Woods Creek Rd.

Cedar Creek Farm, U.S. 127 North

Clark, James & Sharon, property on Ky. 70 and Ky. 501

Coffey-Morgan, Hites Creek Rd., Middleburg

Coleman, Elmer & Patsy, farm on High Ridge Tower Rd.

Coleman, George, all leased land between Yosemite and Liberty and on Doe Creek, owned by Robert and Jane Scott

Colgan, Robert & Sheryl, property on Upper Brush Creek & Briar Ridge Rd.

Coontz, Bob, 255 acres on Peyton Branch Rd.

Cooper, Raymond, 209 Estelle Lane & 370 Bee Lee Rd.

Covington, Jan, 10 acres on McDonald Rd., Windsor

Cravens, Betty J., farm on Ky. 1649 and 837

Crutcher, Kenneth, 62 acres on Crutcher Ln.

Daugherty, Gary, farm on Green Pond Rd., Jonathan Fork

Davis, Herbert II & Leanne, 170 acre farm on Red Hill, Dunnville

Denson, Billy, 21.9 acres on Canoe Creek

Dixon, Virginia E. Trust & Dixon family members, property on Blue Bank Rd., Upper Brush Creek Rd. & Davidson Rd.

Douglas heirs, lot on East Yosemite Rd. (known as black house)

Durham, Carol, property and pond on East Yosemite Rd.

Elmore, Jim, 89 acres on Upper Green Pond Ridge

Emerson, David W., all land on Brush Creek

Evans, Ronnie, 15.5 acres on Ky. 1640

Evans, William D., Robert Evans, Georgia Whitt, & Brenda Sagan, 89.4 acres on Green Pond Ridge

Fair, Mattie Cooksey, 774 East KY 70

Faulkner, F.B., 50 acres on Riffe Creek Rd. to river

Fayne, Chris, farm at 3197 Dry Ridge Rd.

Ferrell, David G., 30 acres on Dewey Miller and Poff Emerson Roads

Fields, Corbin, property on S. Ky. 501, approximately one mile up 501, both sides of Trace Creek

Floyd, John C., 50 acres on Hatter Creek

Floyd, Kevin S., property on Grove Ridge

Foster, Albert L., property at 219 Poplar Hill Rd.

Frank, Joe, all property on Calvary Ridge & Bastin Creek

Franks, Mary Lou, 97 acres on Henson Creek Rd.

Garrett, James A., 102 acre farm on McFarland Ridge, Peavey Rd.; 100 acre farm on Green River, U.S. 127 north of Dunnville; Garrett Gate Co.

Gentry, Norene, 400 acres on Hwy. 198 near Middleburg

Gilpin, Esker & Sue, 30 acres on Ky. 910

Greene, Lavonda, 49+ acres on Woods Creek

Greene, Steven, ½ acre at 4305 W. Ky. 70

Grider, Matthew, 18 acres on

Arnold Hale Rd. & Smith Rd.

Haggard, J.R., A.C. Haggard Farms, 500 acres owned and leased, around Phil

Harris, Dayton, all property at 1480 Henson Ridge Rd.

Hatchel, Lonnie & Michael, 180 acres on Hwy. 243 (Little South Fork)

Hatfield, Mark, land between Hwy. 70 & 206, private road around water tower on West KY 70

Hatter, David Joe & Wilma, farm on KY 837 at Walltown

Hatter, Roger, 112 acres on Poplar Hill Rd. & 13 acres junction of Ky. 837 and Watson Chapel Rd.

Hatter, Sherman & Louise, 47 acres on Ky. 70 East (Hatter Creek)

Hayes, Odell & Ruby, 300 acres on Button Knob

Hayes, Wayne T., 100 acres on Bull Run

Heckman, Howard & Doree, tract on Ky. 70 West; tracts on Hatfield Road, Dry Ridge and Bryant Ridge

Henson, Gary & Nita, house and farm on Henson Creek Rd.

Hicks, Glen & Linda, 20.7 acres on KY 1547

Hixson, George & Louise, 130 acres and lot in Middleburg, 10 acres on Patsy Riffe

Humphreys, Ray & Mary Beth, 150 acres west of Singleton Rd. & north of Doe Creek at 4896 East Ky. 70

Inman, Valerie, 1 acre at 7290 Ky 910 in Windsor

Johnson's Farm on Snow Rd. and Indian Creek Rd.

Johnson, Jess & Gladys, property at 655 Ky. 1547

Jowett, Elveta, 55 acres on Canoe Creek & 55 acres on Dug Hill

Kentucky Hardwood Lumber Co., Inc., all properties

Kieser, Sandra, property on Goodin Rd.

Krasnansky, James A. & Georgianna J. Nevers, 4.5 acres at 1232 Jonathan Fork Rd.

Leach, Allan, 40 acres in Ellisburg

Lee's farm, 19 Caney Fork Ridge Rd.

Leuck, Dan & Wanda, 57 acres on Caney Fork Creek Rd.

Long, James & Antoinette, property at 1060 Canoe Creek Rd.

Lucas, Joseph & Bonnie, 115 acres on Patsy Riffe

Long, Joyce, 2 lots at 163 Ellison Rd.

Lucas, Steven & Theresa, 1088 Patsy Riffe Ridge Road

Luebke, Mike & Martha, 20 acres in Middleburg

Luttrell Simpson, Cindy, property at 291 Taylor St.

Luttrell, Ronald L., 74 acres on Calhoun Creek, 50 acres on Scott's Branch, 2 acres on Gosser Ridge

Lynn, James M., 15 acres at 1891 Hwy. 127 S. and 4 acres at 7025 Ky. 1859

MacDonald, Roxie, 19 acres on MacDonald Rd.

McAnelly, Dimple, property at 4919 Ky. 49

McDonald heirs, 48 acres on Windsor Rd. and 30 acres on McDonald Rd.

McFarland, David & Dorothy, farm on Hwy. 1547 & farm on Casey Creek Rd.

McFarland, Wesley Jr., 9 acres on Ky. 1859 near Pleasant Grove Church

McKenzie, Johnnie & Mary Jane, 79 acres on Casey Creek

McQuary, Faye, farms on Hwy. 1615 & Canoe Creek Rd.

Malone, Susan M., 2 farms on Ky. 49 near Jacktown

Martin, Donald R. Jr., 132 acres between Ky. 206 and Spruce Pine Creek in Adair Co.

Martin, Sweeney, farm on Dry Ridge

Mason, Donald, 10 acres at 761 Bowman Trail

Massey, Georgia T. & Dr. David Massey, Windsor, Casey & Russell County farms

Means, James, 90 acres on Hwy. 80 & Old Columbia Rd., and farm in northern Casey County, off Ky. 78

Means, Joe, 3 farms on Ky. 910, Dry Fork, & Ky. 80

Meeks, Argle, ¾ acre on Ky. 910

Miller, Hershel & Vena, 4 farms on Martin's Creek

Mills, Art & Nola, all farms on Woodrum Ridge, Smith Rd., Gene Lynn Rd., & Caney Fork Ridge Rd.

Monday, Randall & Cynthia, 100 acres on Cedar Hill Rd.

Moore, Matt, property at 435 Hamm Rd., 32 acres and 98 acres (Daphne Allen farm)

Morgan, George W. & Janis, all properties

Murphy, Tina & Sammy, South Fork & Henson Creek

Olenick, Blake D., 161 acres on Upper Brush Creek Rd.

Parks, Bruce & Pat, 158 acres on Clear Branch Rd.

Parton, Laris, 19 acres and house on Parton Rd.

Parton, Wanda & Edward, 50 acres on Upper Brush Creek, 9 acres on Parton Ridge, and 1 acre on Smith St.

Patton, Junior D. & Hilda, farms at 16 Shop Hill Spur Rd., 3885 Gum Lick Rd.

Peck, Etta, farm on Casey Creek

Phelps, David & Elaine, property on Ky. 70 East and Calvary Ridge Rd., Wildcan Gilpin properties on Salyers Cemetery Rd. and 1148 Calvary Ridge

Phillippe, Jim and Vicky, all property at Walltown

Pine Grove Church, property on Pine Grove Church Rd. & old Douglas Elementary School

Powers, Virgie R., Jennifer & Adam, all farms on Ky. 243

Price, Gary & Joan Cochran, farms on Green River, U.S. 127, Calhoun Creek, Bear Branch, Pricetown & Contown Ridge

Price, Jeff, farms on Red Hill, Garrett's Creek & Pricetown

Price, Larry, 154 acres on Henson Ridge

Rasnack, Thelma, 3 acres on Elixier Springs Rd.

Rathke, W.T., farm at 1475 Gosser Ridge Rd.

Ratliff, Robert & Mary, 150 acres on Bastin Creek

Richards, Randy & Dana, farm at Green River Valley

Richardson, Patricia, 1 acre at 669 Mamie Price Rd.

Richardson, Eddie & Sondra, 2 ½ acres on Red Hill Rd.

Rodgers, James L., 47 acres on Victory Rd.

Rodgers, Jeff & Norma, all property on Dry Fork Creek

Rudolf, Edgar & Carole, property at 9696 Ky. 49

Russell, John, 3 ½ acres on Schoolhouse Rd.

Salyers, Ricky, property at 135 Amos Woodrum Rd.

Scott, James & John, farms on Neff Rd., Scotts Chapel Rd., Rouse Branch Rd. & tract on Ky. 1547

Scott, Maxine, farm at 6291 Ky. 49

Sims, Delmer & Glenda, acre lot at Walltown

Sims, Roma Jean, farm on Hwy. 837, Walltown

Singleton, Mary K. Boudreaux, 6 acres, top of hill on Carman Creek Spur Rd.

Sivo, Andrew, 66 acre farm at corner of Glover Cemetery Rd. & Pecks Pike

Smith, Charles & Anna Lou, all properties

Smith, Faye, 3 acres on Poodle Doo Rd.

Smith, Louise, 8.3 acres on Ky. 1859

Smith, Orville, property on Ky. 78 and Ky. 906

Spears, Burel, all property in Bethelridge, 2 lots in Junction City

Stampfli, Tom & Carla, 107 acres between Bastin Creek Rd. and Calvary Ridge

Taylor, Henry, all property on Shucks Creek, Cemetery Rd., Brush Creek Rd., Chelf Ridge Rd.

Thomas, Steve, Teresa & John, property on Red Bud Rd., 2 properties in Walltown on Ky. 837 & Hatter Ridge Rd.

Thompson, Ressie Lee, approx. 15 1/2 acres on Bowman Trail off Dry Ridge

Tremblay, Debbie & Vitus Emerson, Ky. 70 East, Black Ridge Rd., Rubarts Ford

True, Junior, farm on Roy Rd., Ky. 910 and Price's Creek

Turner, Bernell & Darrell, farms on Ky. 910

Turner, Beverly J. Edwards, 100 acres on Gum Lick

Vassallo, Russell & Virginia, 220 acres on Woods Creek Rd. off Ruth Randolph Rd.

Vaughn, Gary & Vickie, 52 acres on Vaughn Road

Vaughn, Lilburn R., 88 acres on Luttrell's Creek and 35 acres on Green River, 2 1/2 miles west of Dunnville

Vaught Farms, 214 Robin Dr. off U.S. 127 and off Haggard Rd.

Venema, Ron & Jan, 80 acres on Scherrer Rd. and off Grant Rd.

Vest family, all properties on Thomas Ridge Rd., including entrance and road on this property

Vest, George & Faustine, property on Vest Rd. and property off Hwy. 837

Vest, Larry & Becky, all properties on Willow Springs Rd.

Vest, Rebecca T., 84 acres on Goose Creek

Wade, G.B. Heirs, all property

Wall, Charles, 4.68 acres on Dogwood Gap

Walls, Butch & Kathleen, 138 acres on Woods Creek Rd. Southern Spirit Farm

Walls, Leonard, 25 acres on Cannon Rd.



## 10 YEARS AGO Dec. 25, 2002

J.L. Davis of Ewing Ridge lit up his neighborhood with lighted Christmas displays. With the help of his son, David, they strung up about 22,000 lights at their two homes, plus on those at other nearby relatives.

The release of state felons was not as bad as feared. Of the 14 Class D felons slated for release, only 12 walked. Casey County Jailer Tommy Miller was able to, through contacts with other counties, find prisoners to take their places, resulting in only a net loss of four at the jail.

Amber Hall and Ryan Goode were the winners of the 2002 Letters to Santa contest. Amber asked for a doll, food for her easy bake oven and for the people to be all right in the world. Ryan asked for a computer but said he would be happy with whatever Santa brought him. He also asked for Santa to bring something special for his mom and dad.

Brian Allen, 35, of Harrodsburg joined the Liberty Police Department, bringing the number of officers to five.

Bobby Patton was logging in the woods on Turkey Creek when he came across a rattlesnake and killed it. The snake measured 41 inches and had seven rattles and a button.

David Emerson of Woodrum Ridge Road was the winner of a Kawasaki 250 all-terrain vehicle given away by Food Center and Pepsi.

Members of the CCHS Y Club attended the Senior KYA Conference in Louisville and Frankfort.

Three CCMS students, Chase Anderson, Ty Sengkhamyong and Charissa Gosser, were selected as winners from among 53 seventh- and eighth-graders who submitted essays in the "My Pledge

to America" contest.

George L. "Chip" McInnis of Middleburg, a lieutenant with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, was recognized Dec. 16 in Frankfort as a career employee. McInnis, who is in his 26th year, joined the department in August 1976. He was promoted to sergeant in 1988 and attained his present rank in 1995.

Tyler Elmore, 10, killed his first deer, a 4-pointer, while hunting with his uncle, Bobby Sanders. He is the son of Mark and Neecey Elmore.

Participants at the Adult Day Care made pine cone bird feeders with a mixture of creamy peanut butter and bird seed to make a tasty treat for our feathered friends. Using some strong string, the tasty treats were then hung in various locations to attract the hungry birds.

Toys were distributed to 496 Casey County youngsters from 218 families during Toys for Kids event at the Casey County Middle School gym.

Two Casey County juveniles, a 16-year-old and 14-year-old boy, were facing charges after allegedly stealing two cars and breaking into two houses.

Obituaries: Hester E. Allen, 89; Phyllis Patterson, 76; Jean Pemberton, 67; Betty R. Sanders, 68; Tammy W. Schooling, 35.

## 20 YEARS AGO Dec. 23, 1992

The Corinth First Church of God presented a Living Christmas Tree as a part of their Christmas program.

The State Attorney General's Office ruled that the Casey County Hospital's Board of Directors violated the state's open meetings law at an Oct. 15 meeting. The board held a 37-minute executive session to discuss negotiations with three local physicians and hiring them to

staff the primary care center. However, the Attorney General's Office ruled that did not fall under the guidelines of items accepted for closed session under the provisions of the statute that governs executive sessions.

A family of three lost their home and all its contents in a fire on Chicken Gizzard Ridge the night before Christmas eve.

Kindergartners in Rhonda Price's and Sue Goode's classrooms at Liberty Elementary were asked how Santa would get into a house if it didn't have a chimney. Some answers were "He'll wiggle his nose and snap his fingers, and he'll come in," from Brittany Perkins; "With a key," from Michelle Perry; "In the window," from Elise McGehee; and "I'm gonna stay awake and let him in or Daddy will let him in," from Jordan Wilson.

Lindsey Elliott and Noah Clements were the winners of the Letters to Santa contest, sponsored by The Casey County News.

Senior citizens recalled Christmases from their past: Christine Bryant, 77, grew up in Casey County with nine brothers and sisters and said they used to gather wild grapes and make grape juice. Crawford Blevins, 86, said that he didn't know what toys were when he was a boy and agreed with Bryant that he and his 11 brothers and sisters mostly got a little candy or fruit at Christmas time. Winnie Brockman, 79, said she recalled one Christmas Eve when she found a \$50 bill on the street. She took in into the bank and they said if no one claimed it by the end of the day, she could keep it. She bought her children a little red wagon.

Nine people applied for the position of solid waste coordinator for Casey County.

The Casey County Hospital was cited by the Environmental Protection Agency

for burning diesel fuel at the hospital following a complaint made by citizens regarding the smoke and odor. Officials were once again appealing to the city to restore gas service to the closed facility. The city had cut off the gas due to unpaid bills.

James L. and Beulah (Emerson) Farris celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ella Gilpin was named the new administrator at the Casey County Hospital. She had been serving as an assistant under Marvin Brown, who resigned two weeks earlier.

Two-liter bottles of Pepsi products were on sale for 29 cents at Sweeney's A&D.

Crystal Pepsi, a clear soda with no preservatives or caffeine, was to arrive Jan. 6, 1993 in Casey County.

Obituaries: George Earl Taylor, 75; Lillian F. Allen, 57; Mary Devonda Spears, 60; Abbie M. Griffin, 84.

## 30 YEARS AGO Dec. 22, 1982

Farmers Deposit Bank at Middleburg was robbed on Dec. 17. Two white males, wearing ski masks and Army ponchos, got away with less than \$5,000. Three bank employees and two customers were in the bank at the time. No one was injured. Officers found the getaway car later in the day in the Angel Ridge area where it was hung up in the mud. The men were not found.

Elizabeth Wesley featured a ceramic nativity scene in her front yard at Mt. Olive. The 20-piece set featured pieces that were about one foot tall.

Eddie and Ioda Overstreet were featured in a story in the Lexington Herald-Leader as they had made molasses for 55 consecutive years.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Emerson, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Raines celebrated their

## FOCUS ON THE PAST

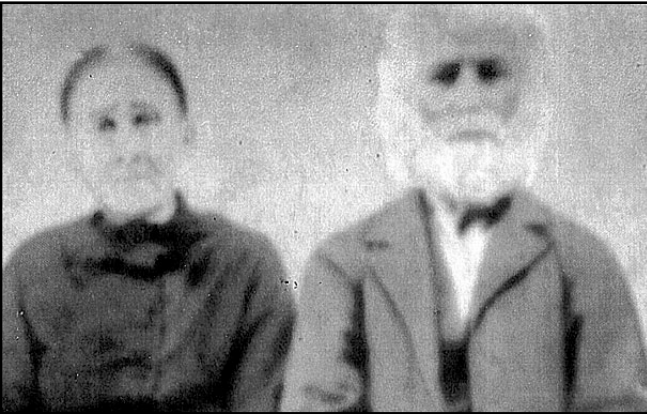


photo submitted/Ethel Mae Buis Smith

### Jesse & Alicia Buis

**Jesse (1807-1892) and Alicia Douglas Buis (1815-1887) of Rich Hill were married Feb. 25, 1830 in Casey County. Jesse was the son of Elisha and Mary Jane Morgan Buis of Tazwell, Tenn. Alicia was the daughter of George Sr. and Elizabeth "Betsy" Williams Douglas of Mt. Olive. The couple had 10 children, George W. (and Mary Ann "Polly" Patterson), Elizabeth Ann (and Gilmore Phelps), Mary "Polly" (and Robert J. Watson), Leanna (and William Caleb Russell), Amanda Jane (and John W. Goodin and George Walter Ross), Sterling Lee (and Zerelza Bastin), Lyda Serena (and William Jackson), Lucy Susannah (and George W. Statom), Jesse Henderson (and Charity Elliott), and William Riley (and Lavina Page and Vina Hill). Jesse and Alicia and many of their children are buried at the Rich Hill Cemetery.**

50th anniversaries.

Three Casey Countians were hospitalized following a two-vehicle accident on Ky. 70.

Leo McFarland of Rt. 2 in Liberty caught five raccoons last week with his dogs, Fiddler, a registered walker, and Pincher, and black and tan.

Clifty Farms country hams were \$1.99 a pound at Food World.

Pvt. Vernon D. Murphy, a 1982 Casey County High School graduate, completed basic training at Ft. Sill, Okla., and was being sent to Germany.

Winners of \$25 grocery certificates at Abe's Pic Pac were Emma Morgan, Brenda Bastin, June Cravens and Betty Dunham.

Obituaries: Osa Williams,

78; Charlie Whited, 88; Lindsey Brown, 72; Irene Watson, 82; Cameron Withers, 65; Ova Phelps, 75; Leon McMullin, 64; Dewey Miracle, 82; Cisiah Fields, 82; Marcella Rantz, 45.

## 40 YEARS AGO Dec. 28, 1972

No paper was printed for this week as The Casey County News was closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.

## 50 YEARS AGO Dec. 27, 1962

There was no issue printed this week as well.

## Fred's Finest

# Burkhard brainstorms a million-dollar idea

*Originally published in the Oct. 11, 1979 issue of The Casey County News*

An idea worth millions. We have just come up with what may turn out to be worth millions of dollars if applied over a large section of the country.

What we want to do is charge admission at hospitals for all visitors.

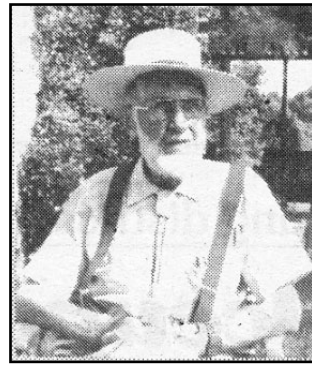
Just about all hospital patients have three or four times the number of visitors they should have.

Most patients would just as soon be alone or nearly alone while they suffer, rather than attempt to be entertaining to their well-meaning visitors.

Even the hospitals would be most happy to have fewer visitors among their patients. Visitors tend to be in the way, ask a lot of foolish questions at the desk, and generally make themselves a nuisance.

We thought of ways in which such an admission charge could be used. There might be a check-in place for visitors where they could drop their dollar and receive an official visitors card for 30 minutes. If they stayed longer than 30 minutes the card would have to be punched for an additional period of time.

With such a system all the money could go to the hospital or in a different arrangement it might be used to pay for the patient's



By Fred Burkhard  
The Casey County News

bloated hospital bill.

After thinking this over, we decided it wouldn't work. It would immediately be necessary to add three or four persons to the hospital staff. In a matter of 30 days the state and federal agencies would find out about it and that would require all kinds of trouble. The paper work alone would create jobs for two more persons at the hospital and no telling how many at the federal level. We threw that one

out.

We came up with another system which might be more workable, but would require the visitors to respond to an honor system. We hasten to add this would be only about 30 percent perfect if we are to judge from the trouble the library is having with people returning books and phonograph records.

For sake of a better method a small box with a slit in it could be put at the patients bedside table and visitors could make their admission payments here. (Call them donations, if the word "admission" bothers you.)

With this second method the patient might get all the money, but judging from the way hospitals are charging these days, the hospital would almost certainly demand 50 percent of the admission money.

Our idea is sound, but we are the first to admit it probably needs some additional thought. Just keep the federal government out

of it as long as possible. We are sure it will work. In fact, if we are ever hospitalized again we want the first visitor to bring us a half pint jar with a slot cut into the lid. Make the slot pretty big in case somebody still has a silver dollar left.

### Jimbo Murphy Law

The apple selling season reminds us again of the Jimbo Murphy Law. Jim's law is not to be confused with Murphy's Law, which says, "Anything can happen and probably will." That one has international significance, while Jimbo's law is strictly local.

It happened this way. A University of Kentucky specialist was visiting Jimbo's orchard and asked him when he found the best time to sell apples.

Jimbo (for James) replied that he had always found the best time to sell anything was when you had somebody there ready to

buy. Jimbo and Mrs. Murphy also operated a country store.

The way we have told it makes it over-simplified, when it actually was an excellent law of economics, and a lot of businessmen have gone broke when unable to understand it.

For every sale there has to be a buyer, and many a buyer has walked away because of price, lack of courtesy, and a number of other factors.

Explained in a differ-

ent way, one might say, "A good time to sell is when you have a buyer." Jimbo and Mrs. Murphy retired several years ago comfortably secure from starvation.

*Editor's Note: As space allows, The Casey County News will reprint some of the stories, editorials and columns written by the late Fred Burkhard, former editor/publisher of The Casey County News. Stories may be slightly edited.*

Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

Mark 13:31-33

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# Celebrating Christmas

We asked our friends on Facebook to submit photos from their church's Christmas events, including Christmas plays and dinners.



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ABOVE, the days and weeks leading up to Christmas are known as the time for having parties to make cookies, pies, candy and treats. Pictured is Linda Lee, who won the "Best Cookie" trophy for her snickerdoodle cookies at First Baptist Church's first cookie exchange on Dec. 18.



ABOVE, youth members at Middleburg United Methodist Church pose for a photo while dressed up in costumes for their Christmas play on Dec. 16, 2012. LEFT, the primary class at Mt. Pleasant Church on Ky. 70 West performed their Christmas play, "Away in the Manger," which turned out to be more like "Chaos at the Manger" on Dec. 16, said Barbara Norfleet, who attended.

photos submitted/ANGELA SHEENE BUIS & BARBARA NORFLEET

## Church news will return in next week's issue

Due to early holiday deadlines, *The Casey County News* was unable to publish church news from services on Dec. 23 in this week's issue.

Church news from Dec. 23 will be published in the Jan. 2 issue.

Church news can be turned in as usual on Monday mornings by noon.

On Jan. 9, we will publish church news from both Dec. 30 and Jan. 6.

## FARM & HOME

# Despite drought, U.S. net farm income forecasted to remain near record levels

By Carol L. Spence  
University of Kentucky  
College of Agriculture

What a year 2012 was for agriculture: crop yields were down, water supplies were depleted, feed costs were up. And yet, in the midst of one of the worst droughts in the country's history, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is forecasting U.S. net farm income will remain near record levels. University of Kentucky College of Agriculture economists recently released their outlook for the remainder of 2012 and 2013, saying data indicates 2012's Kentucky's net farm income will remain near the top end of the state's typical \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion range.

High prices and significant crop insurance indemnities — producer payments — have had a hand in saving what could have been a year of hard losses for farmers.

"Crop insurance constitutes one of the primary risk management programs administered and subsidized by the U.S. government, and over the past 16 years, it's one of the biggest things to hit production

agriculture," said Cory Walters, assistant professor in UK agricultural economics. "In Kentucky, from 1996 through 2011, the total premium base associated with crop insurance increased from \$16 million to \$139 million. Insured cropland increased from 1.5 million acres to 2.8 million acres over the same time period."

So far in Kentucky in 2012, insurance has paid \$208 million in indemnities for corn. For soybeans, insurance has paid out \$9.5 million in indemnities and nearly \$10 million for wheat.

"The indemnity number will go up, especially for corn; more claims are coming in all the time," Walters said.

He believes, though, that crop insurance isn't just about finances; it can influence a multitude of decisions farmers make.

"If we all had a dagger sticking out of our steering wheels, we'd be more careful (when driving)," he said. "But what if crop insurance removes that dagger? How would we drive then?"

Producers purchase crop insurance to manage production

risk, but risk reduction can vary based on crops and regions and also in agronomic and environmental characteristics. Changes in risk will inevitably affect production decisions, including acreage decisions. As a result, small, regional environmental effects occur based on those decisions. That is the conclusion Walters drew, based on data collected between 1995 and 2002.

In his study, recently published in the *Journal of Agriculture and Resource Economics*, using producer-level crop insurance data for four U.S. geographical regions, Iowa, North Dakota, eastern Washington State and eastern Colorado, Walters delved into the real effects of using crop insurance or "driving without that metaphorical dagger." In his peer-reviewed paper, he pointed out that there are inevitable environmental consequences when the relationship between risk, farm production decisions and environment changes.

"Farming, is, after all, a kind of environmental activity — inescapably bound to soil, water and air quality and, of course, changing ecosystems,"

he reported.

According to Walters, crop insurance has the potential to affect two types of farm decisions: how much acreage is devoted to a single crop and the amount of inputs used depending upon the crop choice.

"Is crop insurance impacting acreage decisions, and if it is, are environmental impacts positive or negative?" he said.

Of the four regions analyzed, Walters found that the purchase of crop insurance in North Dakota did have a "meaningful environmental impact," in all four environmental indicators he examined: total nitrogen loss, change in total organic carbon, wind erosion-caused sediment loss and soil erosion due to other causes. But only for total nitrogen loss was

the effect negative. In eastern Washington, the effect was adverse on wind erosion. However, in this area, the decision to purchase crop insurance did not greatly affect the crop allocation in that region. In Iowa, there was no meaningful environmental impact from the decision to buy crop insurance. In eastern Colorado, the decision adversely impacted wind erosion and soil organic carbon.

In his results, Walters noted that he found "a small, but not universal, tendency of increased crop insurance participation to create 'noticeable' environmental effects. Our evidence shows both positive and negative environmental effects as cropping patterns change, but more importantly, results are specific to local conditions

and particular environmental indicators."

Walters' study also backed up earlier research by Jun Ji Wu and Richard M. Adams of Oregon State University showing that the type of crop insurance and the coverage level influenced the decision to change crop allocations. Revenue insurance altered cropping patterns more than the yield protection.

In Kentucky, revenue protection is the dominant type of coverage chosen, mostly because it receives the most subsidy dollars per acre. Revenue protection coverage for wheat, soybeans and corn ranged from 54 percent to 69 percent of total insurable acreage per crop in 2011.

## Finding money in surprising places

With holiday bills mounting, many of us wish we could find money we lost, forgot about or didn't know we had. Finding lost valuables, such as insurance policies and unclaimed money or property is easier than you might think.

The Kentucky State Treasury has more than \$150 million in unclaimed property and money. Banks, insurance companies and other financial entities turn this money over to the treasury when they cannot locate the owners. You can search for any unclaimed valuables on the Kentucky State Treasury's website, [www.kytreasury.com](http://www.kytreasury.com). The website has information about how to claim any lost property that you may find. If you don't have Internet access, you can request a search by contacting the treasury at 1-800-465-4722.

If you think you may have unclaimed valuables in another state or have an unclaimed tax refund from the federal gov-

**Debbie SHEPHERD**  
County Extension Agent for Home Economics



ernment, you can search for that money on either <http://missingmoney.com> or [www.unclaimed.org](http://www.unclaimed.org). These free sites can connect you with the state and national organizations holding unclaimed property.


Insurance companies often have many unclaimed life insurance policies because the beneficiaries do not know they exist. Insurance companies are not obligated to turn this money over to a government agency unless they know the policyholder is deceased. Unfortunately, no national database exists to keep track of unclaimed life insurance policies.

You can find out about whether you're listed as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy

by going through the deceased person's paperwork to look for any insurance policies or transactions, such as a statement, bill or interest paid on a recent tax return. Speak with the deceased person's financial advisers and current employers to determine if they had any knowledge of any life insurance policies that the person may have had. Check the deceased individual's mail for up to a year for any policy statement or bill.

Whether you decide to look for lost property or not, you may be contacted by someone who wants to help you find lost money for a fee or a percentage of the lost property. These "money finders" are not illegal, but the services they provide are things you can find on your own for free with just a little effort and time.

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**ADAM H. EDELEN**  
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Ronald W. Wright, Casey County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable Jerry Coffman, Casey County Sheriff  
Members of the Casey County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the Sheriff of Casey County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2011. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2011, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

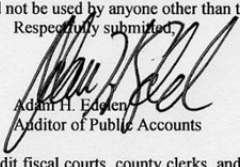
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 12, 2012 on our consideration of the Casey County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

2011-01 The Sheriff Should Accurately Classify All Receipts From The Official Tax Account  
2011-02 The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts, Disbursements, And The Reconciliation Process

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Sheriff and Fiscal Court of Casey County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Adam H. Edelen  
Auditor of Public Accounts

October 12, 2012

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# School board audit faultless

By Larry Rowell  
Staff Writer

Casey County School Board members heard Dec. 10 that the handling of the district's finances — by district staff and faculty and staff from the five schools — is a model of excellence and one of the finest in the state.

Artie White, of White and Associates of Richmond, conducted the annual audit for the financial year which ended June 30.

White said there were no findings from the prior year which indicates that the district's financial performance was faultless.

White, in a letter to the board, did however, recommend that several internal controls — separate from the audit findings — be strengthened.

At Casey County Middle School, auditors recommended that when teachers collect money from students, the teacher insure that a multiple receipt form is filled out, signed by the student and then turned over along with the money to the school treasurer daily. Previously, the receipt had been kept in a folder.

Auditors also recommended that money collected by a teacher or sponsor at Jones Park Elementary be turned in daily. Principal Shawn Pierce said that this has already been corrected.

At Liberty Elementary, auditors pointed out that a vendor's invoice must show the signature of the person who signed for the goods or

services.

Walnut Hill Elementary was asked to review all invoices to make certain that sales tax is not paid. Auditors also pointed out that a vendor's invoice must show the signature of the person who signed for the goods or services.

White said that auditors have seen a tremendous improvement from the previous year throughout all the schools in the area of internal compliance.

In other business, the board:

■ Heard architect John Newman, with Clotfelter-Samokar in Lexington, say that the HVAC project at LES is progressing according to schedule. The \$1.5 million heating and cooling renovation, which began last July, is scheduled to be completed by the middle of February, Newman said.

■ Heard Terry Price, District Assessment Coordinator, say that the U.S. Dept. of Education has chosen the district to participate in a Reading is Fundamental program (RIF) for the 2013 summer.

The program is designed to close the gap in reading ability that students can experience during the summer months.

Also, RIF is for 38 districts in 17 states and is directed toward districts in high poverty areas.

"Every second and third grader will receive eight books at the end of the school year and each classroom will receive a set of

40 books with a STEAM theme," Price said, referring to Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics. There is no cost to the district for the summer program.

■ Heard Kevin Stephens, Director of Pupil Personnel, say that Liberty Elementary had won the fourth month attendance award with 96.07 percent. The district attendance percentage for the year stands at 95.68.

■ Heard Director of District Wide Services, Deena Randolph, say that the district had total cash of almost \$9.2 million with General Fund cash of \$7.4 million.

■ Received Superintendent Linda Hatter's personnel report.

Jill Frost was employed as an instructional assistant on the district level.

At LES, Amy Warner was hired as an instructional assistant.

The following substitutes were also hired — Alta Gridler and Jill Frost as teacher's aides; Heather Yaden and Donna Myers as cooks; and Dewayne Evans was hired as a janitor.

The board accepted the following resignations — Nancy Davis as a bus driver, Susan Atwood as a teacher at WHE, and Angela Lee as an instructional assistant.

■ Heard Hatter report that Energy Manager Greg Scholl said that in the first five months of this school year, the district noted a savings of \$34,184 in utility bills compared to the same time last year.



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## Students of the Month

ABOVE, Liberty Elementary School Students of the Month for November were, front row, from left, Briley Smithers, James Brown, Gavin Thompson. Second row, Evan Stephens, Anna Pruyear, Estefani Morales, Connor Sweeney, Madison Sharp. Third row, Cassidy Wheeler, Haylee Milroy, Emily Hatter, Kemp Goode. Back row, Madison O'Hair, Jake McGowan, Brithney Ramirez-Lopez, and Richie Price. BELOW, LES Students of the Month for December were, front row, from left, Grace Whited, Molly Gill, Bryson Lawhorn, Brayden Harris, Erin Noe. Second row, Laci Baldwin, Sam Bryant, Claire Parton, Haley Torres. Third row, Rachael Grimsley, Ethan Clements, Lincoln Phillips. Back row, Allyson Murphy, Ethan Russell, Rylan Hamm, and Anna Brown.



# Kentucky 4-H'ers make a difference

New Year's Eve will be here before we know it and it will be time to start setting our New Year's resolutions. The most popular resolutions in years past are to eat healthier, lose weight, save money, and increase civic engagement.

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Many 4-H'ers and 4-H clubs initiate programs or initiatives aimed at improving their city, county, state and nation. In many of these service-oriented programs, 4-H'ers tackle important issues in their communities. Not only are they improving the lives of others, but also, in the process they are gaining valuable skills such as leadership and responsibility.



Some of these programs, like one started by three 4-H'ers in Simpson County, are receiving national recognition. The trio started an anti-bullying program at the middle school in 2010. The 4-H'ers, who had been victims of bullying, shared their stories with the students. While the three have since graduated from 4-H, they've trained others in Simpson County to continue their program. Their program is a model for 4-H anti-bullying programs around the state and was featured by the national 4-H's Revolution of Responsibility.

In another project, a Madison County 4-H'er recognized pre-teens were struggling with their body image as the result of celebrity images they'd seen in the media. She developed a program called True You. It is targeted toward fifth- through eighth-graders with the goal

of helping them improve their self-esteem, self-image and self-worth. She introduced the curriculum in 2011, plans to continue teaching it this year in her county and has trained other members of the 4-H State Teen Council on the curriculum.

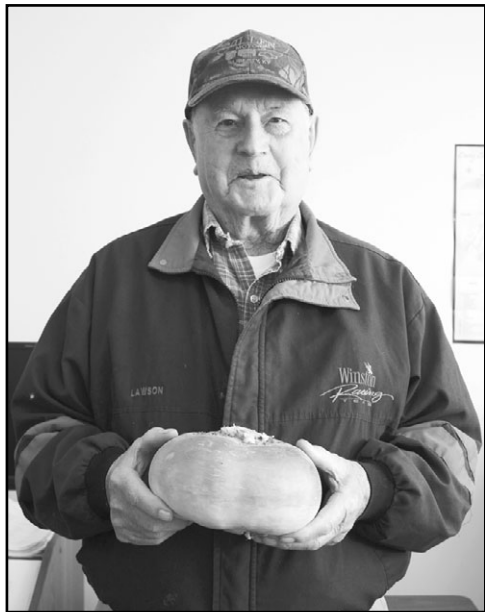
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# Eighth-graders represent state tournament

*Kentucky team  
had top 10 finish*

By Rita "Peat" Harris  
Sports Correspondent

The transition from middle school to high school is not always an easy one, particularly when it comes to sports.

After making your way through little league play that rolls up into the middle school level, you find yourself at the top of the totem pole.

Then you're a freshman. There is a big difference between a freshman and a senior, in size, skill and experience.

Two of Casey County's top eighth grade football players may have had the perfect stepping stone for moving from the middle school level to next year's high school level — competing on the national level.

Breece Hayes and Collin Miller were two of the 35 eighth grade Kentucky football players selected to be members of Team Kentucky that competed in a national tournament put on by Football University (FBU).

"It's very impressive to see our guys playing against people (on that level)," said Casey County Middle School head coach Darren Summers.

The Kentucky Middle School Football Association (KMSFA), made up of 157 schools, named an all-star team of 100 players. Coaches were permitted five player nominees.

Summers did nominate five players — Hayes, Miller, Noah Laman, Gary Propes, and Jacob Wilson. With this past fall's eighth grade team's success, it should come as no surprise that all five were selected to that top 100.

Of those 100, 35 were named to compete on Team Kentucky in the FBU national tournament, composed of 55 teams.



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Eighth graders Collin Miller and Breece Hayes were two of the 35 athletes selected to represent the state of Kentucky in the Football University National Tournament. The team won three out of four games and finished in the top 10 in the tournament composed of more than 50 teams.

Hayes was the team's starting quarterback and Miller was a starting running back.

"The little league (Hayes and Miller) were in had a Florida team and they'd go to Florida and compete in tournaments every year. It was a similar experience for them," Summer said. "They're used to adjusting to new coaches on the fly like that."

Team Kentucky's first weekend of play was in Elizabethtown. They defeated Nashville on Dec. 1 and Louisville on Dec. 2 to advance to the next tier of play.

The following weekend Team Kentucky traveled to Atlanta, Ga. in pursuit of the semi-final round. The team lost 35-6 to North Georgia on Dec. 8 and had the opportunity to play and triumph over Charlotte on Dec. 9.

"One of the best experiences was the facility they played at," Summers said, describing the multi-million dollar complexes in both Elizabethtown and Atlanta.

"The (middle school field) in Georgia, it's probably about a \$1.5 million stadium. There were two practice fields right next to it at about

\$1 million a piece. That was probably one of the neatest things, that they got to see that kind of atmosphere."

In addition to the impressive facilities, Summers noted how impressed he and high school coach Sam Marple were at the competition level Hayes and Miller were among.

"Instead of Breece being the only 6'4" kid out there, there are a lot of kids who are 6'3" and 6'4". Instead of Collin being the fastest kid on the field, you've got a lot of kids with that kind of speed," Summers said. "It kind of levels out the playing field for them somewhat, but at the same time, it really impressed us to see those two play on that kind of level."

The win over Charlotte made Team Kentucky the second-place finisher at the Atlanta play-offs, but only the top team advanced. North Georgia will compete in the semi-finals in San Antonio, Texas, along with three other teams before the championship game on Jan. 6.

While the win over Charlotte did not advance the team to the semi-finals, Summers said it put the team in

the top 10 finishing teams.

"It was kind of sad for them; basically their little league career has come to an end," Summers said.

Hayes and Miller are now busy with middle school basketball and are taking a break from the football scene before their official start to high school football will begin.

Even as skilled as the two eighth graders are, Summers says, ideally, they will not be forced into varsity play too heavily, too early.

"We do have a 10 game freshmen schedule they'll play in (next season). We're trying to build for that and for them to build for the future," Summers said. "There will be times and situations where they'll see the field on the varsity level, but at the same time, with freshmen, you don't want to work them in too early."

Casey County football fans have much to look forward to in the coming season from not only Hayes and Miller, but Laman, Propes, Wilson, and a strong up and coming program.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Basketball tournament results available next issue

The Casey County Lady Rebel basketball team competed in the Smokey Mountain Classic last weekend. The tournament was made up of 10 teams, each team playing a game Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Rebels lost their first game, 52-49, to Station Camp, a Tennessee team.

The Rebel basketball team competed in a two-day tournament in Leslie County at the Hyden Citizens Bank Shootout. The Rebels played Leslie County and Shelby Valley on Friday, followed by Jenkins on Saturday.

Full results for both the Rebels and Lady Rebels were unavailable at press time. See next week's issue for full stats and reviews of the tournaments.

## SPORTS TALK

### Christmas break means holiday tournaments

No matter who you are or how old you get, Christmas break is a thrill. Of course, as we get older, the profession we choose oftentimes shrinks the amount of time our "break" consists of and hopefully we at least get the 25th itself!

The break while in school, though, is always such a relief. No studying, no books, no class, or waking up early. However, as a basketball player, it usually meant holiday tournament time.

There are pros and cons to the holiday tournaments. It means your "break" is less of a break than that of many friends. Your schedule is still very much dictated to you — practice times, game times, bus departure times, etc.

I played for the Lady Rebels as a freshman and sophomore, sophomore year being the only season I was a member of the varsity team. As a junior and senior I chose to forgo my hoops career but stayed on as a team manager, so I was still traveling with the team through Christmas break.

There was a part of me that did not like it at all at that time. The Christmas season is full of so many fun traditions — present wrapping, cards, music, baking, shopping — the list goes on and on.

However, I look back now and realize that some of my most prominent high school Christmas break memories came from my tournament traveling.

Christmas is a time for family and tradition, but as a high school athlete, your team does become a family of sorts. The fact I stayed on as a manager for the Lady Rebels proves just that. Giving up the sport was difficult in its own right, but what made the decision hardest was giving up the time investment I'd put into the team — my closest friends and coaches. Wanting to still be a part of that family, I became a manager.

Rita "Peat"  
HARRIS  
Sports  
Correspondent



Christmas tournaments were always competitive. We won games and lost games. It was an opportunity to see some competition outside of the normal district and regional teams we played every season, but it was also extra time and fun with most of my closest friends.

The traveling oftentimes meant staying overnight somewhere and eating out. There was down time between games when parents would take us shopping or out for other fun adventures together.

The Lady Rebels competed in Gatlinburg, Tenn. last weekend, a tournament I remember traveling for during my time with the team. Sure, I loved being home at Christmas time, but looking back the memories from the travel are irreplaceable. Lots of late night laughs in hotel rooms, ice skating, shopping and simply experiencing Gatlinburg at Christmas time.

What I didn't consider during those years was that my teammates and I were not the only ones giving up our holiday time for the sake of a sport. The coaches and parents were also giving us, the athletes, their time. Because they were willing to spend their breaks on demanding schedules, me and my teammates — my friends — had the opportunity to compete while also creating great memories together.

Family is such an important and meaningful part of this time of year and not just those in blood relation but everyone from your parents and siblings to your coaches and teammates. No matter who you are spending your winter break time with, enjoy it, cherish it, and be grateful for those people.



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### Christmas Tournament

The Galilean Christian Academy Eagles played in the Danville Christian Academy Christmas Invitational on Dec. 14-15. The boys' team won all three games and took first place. The girls' team won two out of three games and placed second. LEFT, Gabriel Martin reaches for the pass during a game. ABOVE, Keturah Martin makes a cut toward the basket.

## Live bait still the best bet for winter smallmouth bass

By Lee McClellan  
Kentucky Afield Outdoors

It is easy to lose your way with so many new technological advancements hitting the market in the fishing world each year. You want to try the new developments, presentations and techniques because you don't want to fall behind.

You try new lures or presentations and eschew what's worked countless times. Similar to when you learn to cook more exotic foods, you try to prepare something much more complicated, miss a step in the process and it turns out nasty. The not-quite-right meal makes you think a plain old pork roast with mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and a nice salad would have tasted much better than the gourmet mess you made that your dog won't eat.

I had a similar experience last weekend. My old fishing buddy James Charas and I headed to Lake Cumberland in one of our annual winter trips for smallmouth bass. I came with two rods: one strung for fishing a

big, heavy jig deep and the other with heavier line than I normally use for winter smallmouths, but I felt confident. It was new, high quality fluorocarbon that costs nearly 20 bucks a spool.

I had a friend and co-worker do incredibly well on a tough, cold day on Dale Hollow Lake in late December a couple of years ago by fishing a heavy football jig deep and slow. I really wanted to catch a big smallmouth bass that way as well.

James came with two rods, one for fishing live shiners and the other for fishing a smaller, lighter jig. I didn't get to fish my jig much in the first few hours because I was too busy netting James' nice smallmouths. As soon as I would get settled in working my heavy jig way out from the bank on deep points, I heard, "get the net."

James didn't fall for trying something new. He stayed with the tried and true and threw a live shiner. Nothing out-fishes live bait for winter smallmouth bass on lakes such as Lake Cumberland, Dale Hollow or Laurel River Lake, no mat-

ter how many new lures come down the pike. The float and fly presentation can come close at times, but the real thing is the real deal.

Part of my stubbornness rests in a deeply held idea that catching big smallmouths on lures is nobler than using live bait. This is a commonly held feeling throughout the fishing world, especially with trout anglers.

There is nothing noble about watching your fishing partner catch all of the fish because they had enough sense to use what worked best that day. Anglers fishing a large smallmouth bass tournament on Dale Hollow Lake on the same day struggled to catch many fish.

I know live bait isn't allowed in bass tournaments, but the live shiner turned what could've been a tough day into a royal field day, culminating in a 22-inch long pig of a smallmouth. He caught seven smallmouth before fishing cooled off in the afternoon; the smallest was 18 inches long.

Another commonly held belief is live bait fishing comes

easy and requires little skill. Live bait fishing improved my lure fishing because it taught me the value of concentration and the art of locating fish. You don't just throw out a live shiner and read the paper, drink a cup of coffee and reel in fish. It takes skill.

James swims his shiners by letting them sink near bottom and reeling them back in a slow, rhythmic retrieve. It requires patience and concentration to fish them this way, as opposed to beating the bottom. You cover much more of the water column with this retrieve and pick off those idle smallmouths suspended somewhere between the surface and bottom, their location for much of winter.

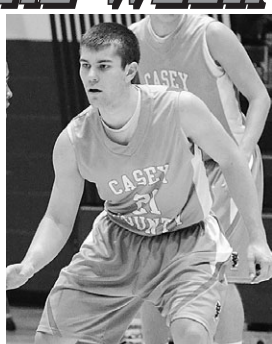
Slip on some coveralls, fill the front pockets with hand-warmers, get a pound of shiners and head to Lake Cumberland, Dale Hollow Lake or Laurel River Lake. An afternoon of catching big smallmouth bass beats football on television every time.

# Support your local sports programs

## REBEL OF THE WEEK

Saluting  
Micah Smith  
CCHS Senior

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**Estate of: NANCY ILENA SANDUSKY – CASE NO. 12-P-00118** – Billy James  
Grider of 744 Hopewell Rd., Liberty, KY 42539 was appointed executor on December  
6, 2012 — Attorney for fiduciary: Thomas M. Weddle Jr., P.O. Box 519, Liberty, KY  
42539.

**Estate of: VIRGINIA B. SWEENEY– CASE NO. 12-P-00119** – Barbara Sue  
Griffin of 4141 N. U.S. 127, Liberty, KY 42539, Don B. Sweeney, P.O. Box 86, Liberty,  
KY 42539, and Garnett J. Sweeney Jr., 908 Ladybug, Vero Beach, FL 32963 were  
appointed executor/executrix on December 11, 2012 — Attorney for fiduciary: Thomas  
M. Weddle Jr., P.O. Box 519, Liberty, KY 42539.

**Estate of: HAROLD GLEN NAPIER – CASE NO. 12-P-00121** – Lisa Childers  
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# HOROSCOPES

Dec. 26-Jan. 1

## CAPRICORN

December 22-January 19

Sometimes it takes more time and  
money than it's worth to follow  
through on something that  
originally seemed like a good idea.  
Don't think of it as giving up but  
redirecting.

## AQUARIUS

January 20-February 18

It may take a little more time to  
work through the long to-do list, but  
that will make the satisfaction of  
getting the job done that much more  
worth it. Aquarius.

## PISCES

February 19-March 20

Words can be interpreted in many  
different ways, Pisces. Choose what  
you say wisely so you don't give  
anyone the wrong impression.

## ARIES

March 21-April 19

Aries, there are some things that  
need to be accomplished this week  
despite the your reservations. Find a  
way to make the best of the  
situation.

## TAURUS

April 20-May 20

Taurus, enjoy an active week ahead  
that includes a very busy social  
schedule. Instead of trying to swim  
against the tide, let it take you  
along.

## GEMINI

May 21-June 21

Take care of things on your own  
this week, Gemini. Others around  
you will be just as busy, so put  
your head down and get started  
on the many tasks at hand.

## CANCER

June 22-July 22

Sarcasm is not the right approach  
this week, Cancer. Focus on being  
amiable to all of the people you  
interact with the next few days and  
reap the rewards.

## LEO

July 23-August 22

Secrets have a funny way  
of catching up with you, Leo. Although  
it can be hard to be honest,  
upcoming situations will work out  
much more easily if you are.

## VIRGO

August 23-September 22

You have no reason to question  
your confidence this week, Virgo.  
Give yourself a pep talk to make it  
through a sticky situation, and  
things will turn out alright.

## LIBRA

September 23-October 22

You are coasting on a high of good  
fortune, Libra. Don't worry, it  
isn't going to slow down anytime  
soon. Enjoy all of the  
opportunities that come your way.

## SCORPIO

October 23-November 21

It takes more than just good ideas to  
find success, Scorpio. There is also  
a lot of follow-through and legwork  
that goes into every scenario. Start  
working through the particulars.

## SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21

You won't be able to rest until you  
solve a problem that has been  
bugging you, Sagittarius. But the  
solution won't immediately present  
itself.

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# Judicial



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Floor tiles in the second floor hallway in the Casey Judicial Center are loose and easily picked up. RIGHT, water damaged ceiling tiles.



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When the bonds are paid in 2023, the lease payment the AOC makes to the county will be renegotiated, Wright said.

But as far as the maintenance on the building, the county submits repair bills to the AOC and is reimbursed, said Casey County Judge/Executive Ronald Wright.

On big ticket items such as the floor repair, Wright said the county gets an estimate and then submits it to AOC for approval.

"We got approval this week for the floor tiles in the back hallways to be replaced and the work should begin the first week in January," Wright said on Thursday.

Additionally, new glass has been ordered for the hole in the window in Overstreet's office, Wright said.

As to why no one has addressed these maintenance questions, Wright said that he's instructed county maintenance personnel to do regular walk-throughs of the center.

"Any time we know there's something wrong, we try to fix it," Wright said.

# McGaha

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election.

"I felt like the time was right for me to leave," McGaha said. "I've been in public service for 43 years and I think it's time for me to get out of that arena and get somewhere else."

With more than 25 years in education, McGaha brought an educator's perspective to his work as vice-chair on the Education Committee.

"The chairman and I worked hand in hand," he said. "We received so many complaints from parents and educators that the tests were not measuring an individual child's progress. I think Senate Bill 1 and this new testing system will do that — that legislation will have some profound effects."

In addition, McGaha served as chairman of the Government Contract Review Committee and as vice-chair on the Agriculture Committee and the Appropriations & Revenue Committee. He was a member of the Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Protection Committee, and the Program Review & Investigations Committee. He was also on the Tobacco Settlement Task Force.

In 16 years with the legislature and his service on numerous committees, McGaha

said he has many accomplishments and few actions he would change.

"I have few regrets in my endeavors," McGaha said. "There are regrets and things that don't get accomplished; that's the tough part of politics. I was never a real good compromiser. I would not compromise my beliefs or values to push another agenda through. As a consequence, there were some things I wanted to see done that didn't because I wouldn't bow down to other pressures. I regret that some things couldn't be done but I'm also proud to leave with my integrity and that's more important than anything."

McGaha offered advice to Republican Chris Girdler of Pulaski County who will be taking his seat next month.

"Above all listen to his people and be true to his convictions," McGaha said.

With his time serving the 15th district coming to an end, he would like to thank the people of Casey County.

"Since being elected, the people of Casey County have embraced me with open arms," he said. "I appreciate them so much for their support and love that I've felt during this time. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the people in Casey County."

# Liberty Police Dept. gets military Humvee

By Amanda Cole  
Staff Writer

No, the military has not invaded Liberty. But the Liberty Police Department does now have a military HMMWV (Humvee) of its own.

"We got it through a federal surplus property program — the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Program, where we can acquire federal property for 100 percent free," said Liberty Police Chief Steven Garrett, emphasizing that the city paid nothing for the humvee that arrived on Dec. 14.

"It's valued at \$39,000," Garrett said, adding that it is a model M1 soft top with a 6.2-liter diesel engine. It seats four people and has a top speed of 60 mph.

After joining the program, the police department waited three months for a password to access the surplus inventory website through the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS). Once online they were able to shop through thousands of surplus items from all over the country. The humvee was at Hill Air Force Base in North Davis, Utah.

"Tarter Gate has a site just 20 miles from the base and



photo/AMANDA COLE  
The Liberty Police Department received a military HMMWV (Humvee) for free through a federal surplus property program. Pictured is Liberty Police Chief Steven Garret next to the M1 soft top model.

they brought it back for us," Garrett said — making the hummer completely free.

"It would have cost \$2,000 to 3,000 to get it here otherwise," he said.

Once an item is selected, the police department has to apply and state why they need the item.

"People have asked 'Why a humvee?'," Garrett said. "We can use it in the case of a natural disaster, during winter time to work and aid other people; we can help EMS, the rescue

squad and fire department. We'll also use it as a range vehicle to shoot. Those are probably the three main reasons we'll use it."

The application is then sent on to the state coordinator for approval and then goes through three federal agencies for final approval. The police department's request for the HMMWV was approved just four days later.

With the arrival of winter, it might not be long before it could come in handy.

"The cruisers are rear-wheel drive and do horrible in the snow," Garrett said, adding that the hummer drives well and gets surprisingly good fuel mileage.

"I thought it would be 8 to 10 miles per gallon, but it gets 21," Garrett said.

The police department plans to utilize the program to receive more equipment for free, including the possibility of night vision goggles, guns, storage cabinets, bulletproof vests and generators.

# POLICE NEWS

## Man charged with DUI

Paul E. Ballard, 61, 112 C. Marksburys, Lancaster, was arrested on Dec. 18 on North U.S. 127 by Deputy Jamie Walters and charged with first offense DUI and reckless driving.

## Man charged with theft of services

Paul Pullen, of 35 Riverdale Drive, Liberty, was issued a Criminal Summons on Dec. 18 by Deputy Jamie Walters stating that he intentionally obtained the services of Terry Milby by deception by agreeing to pay Milby to set up sound equipment at the Central Kentucky AG/EXPO and has failed to pay the \$100 that he agreed to pay, court records state. Pullen paid the \$100 on Dec. 19.

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